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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's unadjusted unemployment rate experiences modest decline during quarter..... Nationally, rate drops to lowest level in seventeen months.
- Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earn an average of $387.96 per week.
- Strawbridge & Clothier opens Concord Mall store.
- Delaware Park is sold; new owners anticipate 1984 re-opening.
- Chase Manhattan Bank plans 12-story office building in Wilmington.
- E. F. Hutton's plans are approved to establish a state bank in Delaware.
- Kent General Hospital opens new $1 million psychiatric wing.
- ILC Dover is awarded a contract to produce a new U. S. Army gas mask.
- Construction to begin on expansion of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal.
- General Motors Corp. reports record third quarter earnings.
- Chrysler Corp. nine-month earnings top any full year in the past.
- Regular Unemployment Insurance payments total $6.6 million, down from $7.8 million in the second quarter.
- Philadelphia area consumer prices rise 1.9 percent during the third quarter.
- Federal Supplemental Compensation is extended by Congress.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE-1 (IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1983	295.7	292.3	293.1	272.8	272.1	268.2	22.8	20.3	24.9	7.7	6.9	8.5
	1982	299.9	300.2	300.0	276.9	275.7	276.0	23.0	24.5	24.0	7.7	8.2	8.0
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1983	303.3	299.7	292.0	280.3	277.2	270.9	23.0	22.5	21.2	7.6	7.5	7.2
	1982	307.7	308.0	299.2	284.5	280.9	278.9	23.1	27.1	20.4	7.5	8.8	6.8
WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1983	261.1	260.0	259.9	241.5	241.6	236.9	19.7	18.4	23.1	7.5	7.1	8.9
	1982	264.3	264.4	264.4	245.2	241.4	241.7	19.0	22.9	22.7	7.2	8.7	8.6
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1983	263.4	261.1	257.1	242.3	239.9	237.3	21.1	21.2	19.8	8.0	8.1	7.7
	1982	266.5	266.1	261.7	246.1	239.7	242.1	20.4	26.4	19.5	7.6	9.9	7.5
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1983	111,875.0	111,261.0	112,368.0	101,285.0	101,563.0	101,945.0	10,590.0	10,699.0	10,423.0	9.5	9.5	9.3
	1982	110,416.0	110,614.0	110,858.0	99,588.0	99,683.0	99,543.0	10,828.0	10,931.0	11,315.0	9.8	9.9	10.2
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1983	3,652.0	3,700.0	3,699.0	3,345.0	3,369.0	3,394.0	307.0	331.0	305.0	8.4	8.9	8.2
	1982	3,630.0	3,634.0	3,644.0	3,324.0	3,301.0	3,308.0	306.0	333.0	336.0	8.4	9.2	9.2
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1983	8,183.0	8,280.0	8,248.0	7,485.0	7,580.0	7,538.0	698.0	700.0	710.0	8.5	8.5	8.6
	1982	8,028.0	8,033.0	8,018.0	7,368.0	7,345.0	7,314.0	660.0	688.0	704.0	8.2	8.6	8.8
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1983	5,555.0	5,544.0	5,513.0	4,938.0	4,907.0	4,937.0	617.0	637.0	576.0	11.1	11.5	10.4
	1982	5,479.0	5,504.0	5,503.0	4,885.0	4,910.0	4,878.0	594.0	594.0	625.0	10.8	10.8	11.4
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1983	2,217.3	2,225.2	2,229.9	2,077.4	2,083.5	2,101.2	139.9	141.8	128.7	6.3	6.4	5.8
	1982	2,192.1	2,165.8	2,153.4	2,008.4	1,981.9	1,978.2	183.7	184.0	175.2	8.4	8.5	8.1

[1/] PRELIMINARY [2/] SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

Delaware's unadjusted unemployment rate experienced a gradual decline over the third quarter of 1983, moving from 7.7 percent in June to 7.2 percent in September. The trend continues to cautiously solidify the improvement in the State's economy. Seasonally adjusted, the significant drop and rise in the unemployment rate during August and September, respectively, were exaggerated* and not representative of the "true unemployment picture" in Delaware.

Nationally, the unemployment rate fell to 9.3 percent in September, the lowest in 17 months. Most Americans shared in the improvement as nearly 400,000 jobless people again found work.

*Please Note: The monthly movements are primarily attributed to the application of a stable monthly seasonal factor against an unadjusted unemployment number not influenced by an event which has occurred regularly over the last ten years during the period, but did not occur this year. Because of Delaware's small unemployment size, occurrences entailing large numbers tend to distort the seasonal factors.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total state nonagricultural wage and salary employment, after setting an all-time high in July, declined throughout the quarter. The nonmanufacturing sector accounted for the movement, with seasonal gains in retail trade and local government in July, an August decline due to a strike affecting the transportation, communication & public utilities sector and seasonal declines in September in construction, retail trade, services & mining and local government. Nonmanufacturing continues to remain higher each month than the comparable year-ago quarter while manufacturing, with the exception of August, was lower than the comparable year-ago quarter. The absence this year of an inventory-related layoff in the auto industry resulted in the yearly August gains in machinery and transportation equipment and manufacturing. Total nonagricultural employment in the SMSA followed the same quarterly movement as Delaware, however, over the year August was the only month to show a gain.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, at $387.96 in September, reached a new high as a result of substantial overtime worked in the machinery and transportation equipment sector. A new high was also set in the SMSA, which ended the quarter with average weekly earnings of $466.52. Significantly higher average weekly hours in the machinery and transportation equipment and chemicals & allied products sectors were responsible for the rise.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - The value of construction contracts in Delaware for August was up 6 percent from August, 1982, according to McGraw-Hill Information Systems Co. The value of construction contracts for the first eight months of 1983 is up 22 percent from the same period last year..... The Delaware Private Industry Council recommended $2.3 million for 19 recipient agencies for job training under the new federal Job Training Partnership Act, starting October 1.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Delaware's Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), a subsidiary of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Delaware, opened an $8.5 million facility off Route 4 in Stanton..... Fine Olds - Honda in Newark is building a new Honda showroom on East Cleveland Avenue. Construction of the $350,000 project is being handled by Bellvue Holding Co..... Bells Supply Co. opened an expanded and modernized plumbing showroom on 301 S. West St. in Wilmington. A loan from Wilmington Trust Co., under the Wilmington Industrial Revenue Bond Program, helped finance the project.

Strawbridge and Clothier opened a store in the Concord Mall on August 11, replacing the recently closed facility in the Merchandise Mart. Around 200 employees transfered to the new site and about 230 employees have been added..... Phoenix Steel Corporation filed for protection from its creditors in federal bankrupcy court. The company plans to continue operations during reorganization. Court protection was sought when the parent company Creusot-Loire refused Phoenix and additional loan..... ICI Americas Inc. is installing new equipment at its Atlas Point plant in New Castle to produce a thermoplastic, useful for the electronic, medical, chemical and aerospace industries. The project is scheduled for completion at the end of the year. No new jobs are expected as a result of the equipment installation.

Delaware Park has been bought by two Maryland horsemen who are considering conducting night racing in 1984. It had previously appeared that there would be no more racing at the Stanton site after the track lost over $2 million in 1982..... On September 30, the DuPont Company laid off 45 tool-and-die makers, journeymen and support workers at its Wilmington Shops on Maryland Avenue. The company will try to relocate workers within DuPont and at other companies in the area..... Wilmington Trust plans to close its 9th and Shipley Street branch..... New Castle County school officials hired approximately 80 new teachers because of larger-than-usual elementary classes..... Freedom Ford is opening a car dealership at 300 E. Lea Boulevard, the previous site of Courtesy Ford.

A major shipping firm cancelled plans to move to the Wilmington Marine Terminal. However, the terminal's refrigerated warehouse space will be increased, resulting in 100 seasonal jobs..... A 100-bed retirement facility will open near Christiana late in September. An apartment retirement home is scheduled to open near the same location in early 1984..... On September 24, the Acme Super Saver supermarket in Merchant's Square closed. Their employees will be transferred to other Acme stores in the area..... Chessie Systems Railroad announced a proposal to locate a piggyback freight terminal in Elsmere. If the plan is approved, construction will start this fall, but the freightyard will not be fully operational until 1984.... On September 28, Verino Pettinaro of Pettinaro Construction agreed to purchase the Wilmington General Hospital. He plans to construct midrise condominiums in the front part of the hospital and offices and apartments in the rear portion of the facility.

J. P. Morgan & Co. Inc. of New York will build a computer and communications center near Stanton and set up a headquarters in downtown Wilmington to manage the firm's international commercial banking operations outside New York State.....

Chase Manhattan Bank plans to build a $25 million 12-story office building on Delaware Avenue in Wilmington. The expansion from Chase's rented quarters on 600 Market Street means a potential employment increase from about 270 to 1,000 persons by 1987..... E. F. Hutton Group Inc. has received approval to establish a state bank in Delaware. The bank will begin operation in November and sell certificates of deposit to Hutton customers nationwide through its brokerage offices. The bank will eventually engage in wholesale lending activities such as mortgage pools in which clients can invest..... Windsor Shirt Co., a factory outlet that carries men's and women's shirts at discounted prices, has opened a store in the new Concord Pike Village. The village is on the former Silverside Home Mart property just south of the Concord Mall.

BFC Chemicals Inc. of Wilmington will merge January 1, with Nor-Am Agricultural Products Inc. of Naperville, IL. to form a new agricultural chemicals company called Nor-Am, BFC. Staff at the company's headquarters, in Barley Mill Plaza will expand from 45 to 70 people..... Brandywine Raceway closed its 1983 season losing money for the second year in a row. Harness racing at the 207-acre property on Concord Pike will be phased out in the next few years as the track's owner plans to develop a $178 million shopping mall and office park.

KENT COUNTY - A Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant opened on U.S. 13 at Lockerman Street in Dover and is expected to employ 40 persons..... Dennis E. Silicato and nine other partners will build a 60-room motel and enlarge a restaurant in Milford. Completion is expected by next May. Financing for construction will be provided by Delaware industrial revenue bonds and by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development..... Dover Racquetball and Fitness Club opened at 764 Leipsic Road..... Harrington Raceway opened a 49-night harness racing meet September 7..... The Kent County Regional Planning Commission approved the start of a 520 unit apartment complex across from the Dover Air Force Base. In October, construction started on 48 of these units.

Kent General Hospital opened its new $1 million psychiatric wing..... The Dover Planning Commission approved plans to build a new bowling alley on Route 13 near Dover..... Lutheran Senior Services, Inc. received $2.1 million from HUD for further construction and operation of their retirement apartments..... Lakeside Buick-Pontiac, operated by John A. Gambacorta, opened on U.S. 13 in Smyrna..... ILC Dover, of Frederica, was awarded a $2.5 million contract to produce a new U.S. Army gas mask. The firm will make 1,100 masks over the next 21 month using a dozen employees In 1985, however, a contract for full scale production will be given, and if selected ILC would hire several hundred persons.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Horace Cook, who opened the Dover Thriftway a year ago, plans to open another Thriftway in a closed A&P supermarket in Seaford. The new store should provide employment for 40 or 50 people..... Plastic Specialties Inc. plans a November opening in the Sussex County Industrial Park, near Georgetown. The company which will make plastic industrial parts, expects to hire 20 workers the first year..... The Delaware River and Bay Authority has approved an expansion of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal. Construction on the parking lot is scheduled to begin in November and construction on a new building in the spring.

SURROUNDING AREAS - The DuPont Co. had dedicated an addition to the Chamber Works, Jackson Laboratory in Deepwater, NJ. The facility will produce small amounts of active pharmaceutical ingredients and other research chemicals for clinical testing and make some commercial drugs..... The Ryland Group Inc. opened a new factory in

Northeast, MD. to build modular homes..... Anchor and Hope Farm, near Port Deposit, MD. was granted $1.25 million for a thoroughbred horse training center that is expected to provide around 150 local jobs. Construction on the racetracks will start this fall and work on the horse barns next spring..... The Salem, NJ. Municipal Port Authority has received a $981,450 federal grant for construction of a grain elevator and cold-storage terminal.

AUTO INDUSTRY - Lee Iacocca, chairman of Chrysler Corp. made the final payment of $1.2 billion in U.S. government-guaranteed loans. These loans were repaid seven years ahead of schedule. The company still owes money to several states, including $5 million to Delaware..... Chrysler Corporation added the LeBaron four-door sedan to the cars produced at the Newark plant. The plant's daily output has increased from 868 to 890 cars..... General Motors will stop making the Chevrolet Chevette at the Boxwood Road plant and begin producing full-size family cars. The plant is scheduled to close for model changeover for 13 weeks between May and August..... Domestic automakers reported that late September car sales surged 7.9 percent ahead of year-ago figures. Auto sales for the 1983 model year were up 16.8 percent over 1982..... General Motors Corp. reported third quarter 1983 earnings of $737 million, its best showing ever for the period..... Chrysler Corp. made a $100.2 million profit in the third quarter and has earned more money in the first nine months of 1983 than in any full year in the past.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the third quarter of 1983 was 69,950, with a benefit amount of $6,648,235 paid out. The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment, during that same period was $99, as compared to the $95 average paid in the second quarter of 1983.

Claimants receiving a first payment totaled 4,291 during the third quarter, showing a continuing decline from the first and second quarters of 1983.

Extended benefit payments for the quarter, amounted to $820,518 for 8,822 weeks of compensation, all of which represented the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program.

Continued Claim counts for the third quarter of 1983 registered 71,900, showing a decline of 36,700 for the same period last year. The total number of auto industry claims was 16,200 for the quarter, decreasing 6,400 from the third quarter of 1982.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings for selected occupations at the end of September were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Cannery worker, 32 openings; cook, 27; accounting clerk, 16; laborer, shellfish processing, 16; cashier II, 15; telephone solicitor, 13; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 12; guard, security, 11; clerk-typist, 10; salesperson, general merchandise, 10; plumber, 10; and material handler, 10 openings.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Cook, 27 openings; accounting clerk, 16; cashier II, 15; telephone solicitor, 13; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 12; guard, security, 11; salesperson, general merchandise, 10; material handler, 10; clerk-typist, 9; waiter/waitress, take out, 9; plumber, 9; and kitchen helper, 8 openings.

For current information on specific jobs, contact the nearest Job Service Office of Delaware Department of Labor.

Characteristics of Job Seekers in September were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Of approximately 10,944 active applicants, 47 percent were male, 54 percent were white, 41 percent were black, 14 percent were under 22, while 63 percent were 22 to 39, and 23 percent were 40 and over. By educational level 39 percent had not finished high school, 42 percent had graduated from high school, and 17 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 33 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 33 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Of about 6,552 active applicants, 50 percent were male, 60 percent were white, 34 percent were black, 12 percent were under 22, 63 percent were 22 to 39, and 24 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 33 percent had not finished high school, 45 percent had graduated from high school, and 21 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 28 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 31 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all items in the Philadelphia area rose 1.9 percent during the third quarter with a 0.5 percent rise in September. The index in September was 291.4 and represented a 3.0 percent gain over the past twelve months. Higher tuition charges, as well as increased housing and transportation prices, attributed to the CPI rise in September. Nationally, the September index was 301.8 for a quarterly gain of 1.2 percent and a yearly rise of 2.9 percent.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES

Federal Supplemental Compensation

Legislation has been signed by President Reagan to extend Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) until March 31, 1985. The program provides payments of benefits in Delaware up to an additional eight weeks to those persons who have exhausted their regular Unemployment Insurance claims on or after October 24, 1983. The law also provides an additional five weeks of benefits to those individuals who filed new FSC claims on or after April 4, 1983 and subsequently exhausted benefit entitlement. Individuals presently receiving FSC benefits in Delaware, as well as persons who previously exhausted their FSC entitlement, will be notified when reporting to the unemployment office or by mail, respectively.

Occupational Safety and Health Statistics

Secretary of Labor, Dennis C. Carey has released information on the following studies:

1982 Rate of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses

The latest survey, based on employer records, shows that the incidence rate of job-related injuries and illnesses in Delaware declined from 5.8 per 100 full-time workers in 1981 to 5.4 in 1982, a 6.9 percent decrease.

Other key highlights are: On the average, about 1 out of every 19 workers experienced a job-related injury or illness in 1982 compared with the rate of 1 out of 18 workers in 1981; the 216,000 workers covered in the 1982 survey suffered an estimated 9,700 work-connected injuries and illnesses, down from 10,400 in 1981. The loss of 76,000 workdays in 1982 represents a decrease of 3,900 days from the 79,900 lost in 1981.

Cost and Characteristics of Injuries and Illness in Delaware

This report covers the factors associated with work-related accidents and exposures. The data, which was obtained from accident forms submitted by the employer to the Industrial Accident Board, indicate that $5.6 million was paid to disabled workers for the 3,582 cases closed and tabulated in calendar year 1982.

Some key results are: sprains and strains was the leading nature of injury with 42.8% of all injuries or illnesses; the back was named in 25.3% of all cases to lead all other injured body parts; slightly more than 28% of the accident cases came from workers in the manufacturing sector: female workers accounted for 26.5% of the cases; about 27% of the injured workers were employed for one year or less; workers aged 25 - 34 reported the most accidents.

These studies were prepared by the Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSHS) section of the Delaware Department of Labor's Division of Industrial Affairs. Additional information may be obtained from the unit supervisor, Mrs. Alice S. Rhodes, at (302) 571-2889.

Labor Surplus Areas Determined

The U.S. Labor Department has issued a new labor surplus area listing, effective October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984. Employers located in eligible labor surplus areas are entitled to preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The City of Wilmington is the only civil jurisdiction in Delaware to qualify.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(In Thousands)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1983			1982			1983			1982		
	JUL	AUG	SEP 1/	JUL	AUG	SEP 1/	JUL	AUG	SEP 1/	JUL	AUG	SEP 1/
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	265.6	264.5	263.8	264.9	261.8	262.2	232.2	230.9	230.6	232.4	227.2	230.8
Manufacturing	68.2	68.5	68.4	69.9	66.9	69.8	59.9	59.7	59.2	62.4	59.1	62.2
Durable Goods	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.1	15.1	18.7	18.9	19.0	19.0	19.8	16.8	20.0
Primary Metals	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.2	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.4	3.1	2.9
Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	9.8	9.8	10.1	10.4	6.8	10.6	10.5	10.6	10.8	11.2	7.5	11.0
Other Durable Goods	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
Nondurable Goods	49.8	50.0	49.7	51.8	51.8	51.1	41.0	40.8	40.2	42.6	42.4	42.1
Food & Kindred Products	8.7	8.9	8.8	9.2	9.1	8.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Apparel	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0
Printing & Publishing	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	30.8	30.7	30.5	32.2	32.0	31.9	31.5	31.4	31.0	33.3	33.1	33.0
Rubber & Plastics	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Nonmanufacturing	197.4	196.0	195.4	195.0	195.0	192.5	172.4	171.1	171.4	169.9	168.1	168.6
Construction	17.2	17.3	16.8	16.5	16.3	16.1	20.1	20.3	19.7	19.5	19.2	19.0
Trans. & Public Utilities	10.6	9.7	11.1	11.4	11.4	11.5	10.4	9.6	10.8	11.1	11.2	11.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	59.9	59.8	59.1	58.3	59.0	58.0	48.5	48.6	48.7	47.5	47.2	47.0
Wholesale Trade	11.0	10.8	10.8	11.1	11.0	10.9	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.8	9.7	9.7
Retail Trade	48.9	49.0	48.3	47.2	48.1	47.1	38.9	39.0	39.2	37.6	37.5	37.3
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	13.9	14.0	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.4	12.8	12.8	12.5	12.6	12.6	12.3
Services & Mining	51.7	51.6	51.2	51.8	51.7	50.8	46.4	46.2	45.7	46.2	45.8	45.2
Government	44.1	43.7	43.4	43.4	42.9	42.6	34.2	33.8	33.9	33.0	32.1	33.9
Federal Government	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4
State & Local Government	38.5	38.2	37.9	37.8	37.4	37.3	29.8	29.4	29.6	28.6	27.7	29.6
State	19.2	19.0	21.0	19.4	19.3	20.8	12.0	11.9	13.8	11.9	11.8	13.6
Local	19.3	19.2	16.9	18.4	18.2	16.5	17.9	17.5	15.8	16.7	16.0	16.0
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

1983

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
MANUFACTURING	$ 378.62	$ 368.52	$ 387.96	40.8	40.1	42.4	$9.28	$ 9.19	$9.15
DURABLE GOODS	426.83	416.36	446.00	41.4	40.7	44.6	10.31	10.23	10.00
Primary Metals	432.86	473.85	440.18	46.0	48.7	45.1	9.41	9.73	9.76
Fabricated Metals	313.18	305.33	291.05	38.1	37.1	36.2	8.22	8.23	8.04
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	483.97	463.51	514.33	41.4	40.2	47.1	11.69	11.53	10.92
NONDURABLE GOODS	344.16	335.86	347.24	40.3	39.7	40.9	8.54	8.46	8.49
Food & Kindred Products	240.54	232.46	236.40	40.7	39.6	40.0	5.91	5.87	5.91
Textile Mill Products	277.25	285.79	290.25	43.8	41.6	43.0	6.33	6.87	6.75
Apparel	179.82	177.51	175.41	36.4	36.6	37.4	4.94	4.85	4.69
Printing & Publishing	309.93	330.75	285.45	35.3	37.8	33.0	8.78	8.75	8.65
Chemicals & Allied Products	479.64	476.60	486.04	41.1	40.7	41.9	11.67	11.71	11.60
Rubber & Plastic Products	373.83	368.42	383.22	40.9	40.8	41.7	9.14	9.03	9.19

1982

MANUFACTURING	$ 336.49	$ 335.87	$ 338.24	38.9	39.1	38.7	$ 8.65	$ 8.59	$ 8.74
DURABLE GOODS	371.48	384.62	361.62	38.1	38.5	36.9	9.75	9.99	9.80
Primary Metals	260.62	404.37	341.51	31.9	39.8	36.1	8.17	10.16	9.46
Fabricated Metals	306.09	264.07	282.68	35.8	34.7	34.6	8.55	7.61	8.17
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	412.18	452.67	395.30	38.2	38.2	36.5	10.79	11.85	10.83
NONDURABLE GOODS	312.84	309.68	321.60	39.5	39.4	40.0	7.92	7.86	8.04
Food & Kindred Products	240.83	230.72	228.77	42.7	41.2	41.9	5.64	5.60	5.46
Textile Mill Products	231.99	268.32	258.72	37.0	43.7	42.0	6.27	6.14	6.16
Apparel	149.46	154.92	165.88	31.8	33.9	31.9	4.70	4.57	5.20
Printing & Publishing	294.70	299.75	306.05	35.0	35.6	35.3	8.42	8.42	8.67
Chemicals & Allied Products	427.17	427.28	438.26	39.7	39.2	39.2	10.76	10.90	11.18
Rubber & Plastic Products	342.88	356.13	358.70	38.7	40.7	39.9	8.86	8.75	8.99

Covers an average 33,800 production workers

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1983

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
MANUFACTURING	$435.92	$433.88	$466.52	40.4	40.1	43.6	$10.79	$10.82	$10.70
DURABLE GOODS	436.81	439.93	474.11	40.9	41.0	45.5	10.68	10.73	10.42
Primary Metals	428.29	466.10	439.63	44.8	48.3	45.	9.56	9.65	9.62
Fabricated Metals	294.57	297.41	272.73	37.1	36.9	35.1	7.94	8.06	7.77
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	474.03	459.19	507.89	41.4	40.6	47.6	11.45	11.31	10.67
NONDURABLE GOODS	435.01	426.27	456.50	39.8	39.0	41.2	10.93	10.93	11.08
Food & Kindred Products	225.63	239.95	224.99	36.1	39.4	35.6	6.25	6.09	6.32
Textile Mill Products	281.45	308.25	307.71	43.3	42.4	43.4	6.50	7.27	7.09
Apparel	218.46	221.37	205.37	37.6	38.3	34.4	5.81	5.78	5.97
Printing & Publishing	354.29	377.42	347.90	36.3	38.2	35.5	9.76	9.88	9.80
Chemicals & Allied Products	518.70	498.35	553.56	39.9	38.1	42.0	13.00	13.08	13.18
Rubber & Plastic Products	331.43	320.44	328.64	38.9	38.7	39.5	8.52	8.28	8.32

1982

MANUFACTURING	$ 384.53	$ 398.48	$ 386.14	38.3	38.8	37.2	$10.04	$10.27	$10.38
DURABLE GOODS	379.38	398.98	375.65	37.9	38.4	36.4	10.01	10.39	10.32
Primary Metals	308.04	393.57	362.18	34.0	39.2	37.3	9.06	10.04	9.71
Fabricated Metals	304.24	262.41	281.03	36.7	35.8	35.8	8.29	7.33	7.85
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	410.89	446.99	394.93	38.8	38.7	36.5	10.59	11.55	10.82
NONDURABLE GOODS	392.50	399.52	401.66	38.9	39.4	38.4	10.09	10.14	10.46
Food & Kindred Products	246.71	261.39	223.02	42.1	46.1	35.4	5.86	5.67	6.30
Textile Mill Products	231.50	267.08	257.84	37.1	44.0	42.2	6.24	6.07	6.11
Apparel	158.92	161.54	177.74	32.3	31.8	33.6	4.92	5.08	5.29
Printing & Publishing	332.15	340.64	348.12	35.6	36.2	36.3	9.33	9.41	9.59
Chemicals & Allied Products	483.20	481.99	483.84	40.0	39.9	38.4	12.08	12.08	12.60
Rubber & Plastic Products	308.05	321.60	327.64	38.7	40.2	40.4	7.96	8.00	8.11

Covers an average 26,500 production workers

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	JULY	AUG.	SEP.	JULY	AUG.	SEP.	JULY	AUG.	SEP.
STATE TOTALS 1/	23,847	26,537	19,566	$2,100,607	$2,612,700	$1,934,928	$ 92	$102	$104
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	13,739	17,145	11,440	1,204,964	1,717,471	1,124,902	182	201	207
Wilmington L.O.	8,081	11,268	6,974	733,327	1,194,634	688,156	94	109	104
Newark L.O.	5,658	5,877	4,466	471,637	522,837	436,746	88	92	103
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	4,967	3,962	3,517	379,075	305,774	293,489	80	80	87
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	1,812	1,907	1,571	147,342	173,464	152,347	89	96	103

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM WEEKS COMPENSATED			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	JULY	AUG.	SEP.	JULY	AUG.	SEP.	JULY	AUG.	SEP.
STATE TOTALS 1/	1,617	1,635	1,039	2,584	3,252	2,986	239,069	298,474	282,975
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	934	1,064	540	1,600	2,037	1,742	149,510	189,651	166,917
Wilmington L.O.	541	651	334	1,026	1,262	1,106	96,719	116,703	103,697
Newark L.O.	393	413	206	574	775	636	52,791	72,948	63,220
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	331	239	272	435	590	665	33,855	44,443	54,164
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	144	135	94	134	162	135	12,890	14,700	13,868

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1983			1982		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.
TOTAL COUNT	6,000	5,700	4,500	7,500	8,800	6,300
Number of Auto Industry	0	300	0	0	2,100	200
Total Less Auto Industry	6,000	5,400	4,500	7,500	6,700	6,100
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.
TOTAL COUNT	24,000	28,000	19,900	30,200	42,100	36,300
Number of Auto Industry	0	2,900	0	0	12,400	8,600
Total Less Auto Industry	24,000	25,100	19,900	30,200	29,700	27,700

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1983			1982		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
All Items	288.3	289.9	291.4	281.1	281.3	283.0
Food & Beverages	292.5	293.6	293.6	287.7	286.9	287.4
Housing	297.3	296.4	297.6	295.2	294.6	296.8
Apparel & Upkeep	179.6	184.1	185.7	176.2	178.7	185.9
Transportation	303.8	308.6	310.3	297.7	297.0	295.5
Medical	382.9	385.3	385.6	349.9	351.2	348.8
Entertainment	234.7	233.7	234.3	223.1	227.5	223.7
Other Goods & Services	291.5	298.3	308.3	256.5	260.3	273.1
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.6
Yearly	2.6	3.1	3.0	5.0	4.0	3.1
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	299.3	300.3	301.8	292.2	292.8	293.3
Mo. Change (%)	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.2
Yr. Change (%)	2.4	2.6	2.9	6.5	5.9	5.0

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, De., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area) LABOR MARKET TRENDS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained steady during the quarter..... Nationally, the rate shows continued improvement.
- Production workers in Delaware's manufacturing sector earn an average of $390.43 per week.
- Chrysler Corp. repays $5 million loan to Delaware .
- Construction contracts in Delaware for 1983 show a yearly gain of 31 percent.
- Braunstein's Inc. is closing after 71 years of business.
- Manor Care Inc. is building a 120-bed nursing home.
- DuPont Co., Newport Plant is ending its blue pigment line. About 150 workers will be laid off.
- The Bank of New York (Delaware) opens in Wilmington.
- Beneficial Corporation plans an operations and data processing center in Wilmington's Christina Gateway.
- Construction has begun on apartments at Generals Greene, near Dover Air Force Base.
- DuPont Co. to add 100 to 150 jobs at Seaford plant.
- New shopping centers are planned for Milford and Seaford.
- Unemployment Insurance continued claim counts for fourth quarter were much lower than year ago figures.
- Philadelphia area consumer prices rose 3.6 percent during 1983.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-1

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		OCT.	NOV.	DEC.[1]	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.[1]	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.[1]	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.[1]
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1983	294.4	297.2	298.0	268.2	275.0	273.1	26.2	22.2	24.9	8.9	7.5	8.4
	1982	298.3	299.2	296.2	274.3	273.7	271.7	24.0	25.5	24.4	8.0	8.5	8.2
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1983	293.8	296.2	296.7	271.5	273.4	274.4	22.3	22.8	22.3	7.6	7.7	7.5
	1982	298.2	298.3	295.0	277.7	272.3	273.0	20.5	26.0	22.0	6.9	8.7	7.5
WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1983	262.3	262.5	264.2	238.7	241.8	242.1	23.7	20.7	22.2	9.0	7.9	8.4
	1982	264.2	264.6	262.0	241.2	238.6	239.2	23.0	26.1	22.8	8.7	9.9	8.7
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1983	261.3	263.5	264.8	241.4	243.3	245.1	19.9	20.2	19.7	7.6	7.7	7.4
	1982	263.2	265.5	262.5	243.9	240.1	242.2	19.4	25.4	20.2	7.4	9.6	7.7
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1983	111,866.0	112,035.0	112,136.0	101,970.0	102,606.0	102,941.0	9,896.0	9,429.0	9,195.0	8.8	8.4	8.2
	1982	110,752.0	111,042.0	110,873.0	99,176.0	99,136.0	98,979.0	11,576.0	11,906.0	11,894.0	10.5	10.7	10.7
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1983	3,643.0	3,674.0	3,779.0	3,396.0	3,422.0	3,523.0	247.0	252.0	256.0	6.8	6.9	6.8
	1982	3,630.0	3,658.0	3,626.0	3,298.0	3,303.0	3,292.0	332.0	355.0	334.0	9.1	9.7	9.2
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1983	8,105.0	8,116.0	8,051.0	7,457.0	7,497.0	7,459.0	648.0	619.0	592.0	8.0	7.6	7.4
	1982	8,026.0	7,995.0	7,959.0	7,270.0	7,214.0	7,237.0	756.0	781.0	722.0	9.4	9.8	9.1
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1983	5,508.0	5,544.0	5,497.0	4,961.0	4,973.0	4,932.0	547.0	571.0	565.0	9.9	10.3	10.3
	1982	5,490.0	5,514.0	5,540.0	4,855.0	4,851.0	4,842.0	635.0	663.0	698.0	11.6	12.0	12.6
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1983	2,259.4	2,270.9	2,256.4	2,120.7	2,130.7	2,116.6	138.6	140.2	139.8	6.1	6.2	6.2
	1982	2,165.8	2,168.3	2,165.8	1,985.7	1,989.8	1,984.3	180.1	178.6	181.5	8.3	8.2	8.4

[1] PRELIMINARY [2] SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENT (TABLE - 1)

Delaware's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained relatively steady during the fourth quarter. After a slight rise to 7.7 percent in November, the unemployment rate declined to 7.5 percent in December, matching the year-ago figure. The seasonally adjusted rate dropped from 8.9 percent in October to 7.5 percent in November but rose to 8.4 percent in December.*

Nationally, unemployment dropped each month of the quarter and the rate of 8.2 percent in December was much lower than the year ago figure of 10.7 percent.

*Please Note: The monthly movements are primarily attributed to the application of a monthly seasonal factor against an unadjusted unemployment number not influenced by an event which has occurred in the past, but did not occur this year. Because of Delaware's small unemployment size, occurrences entailing large numbers tend to distort the seasonal factors.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total state nonagricultural wage and salary employment, after reaching a new high in November, declined slightly in December. The nonmanufacturing sector accounted for the high November level, with seasonal gains in retail trade and state and local government. In December, seasonal declines in food and kindred products and contract construction were partially offset by an increase in retail trade. Nonmanufacturing continues to remain higher each month than the comparable year-ago quarter. With the exception of October, manufacturing was also higher over the year. The absence this year of an inventory-related layoff in the auto industry resulted in the substantial yearly November gain in machinery and transportation equipment. Total nonagricultural employment in the SMSA rose throughout the quarter and was higher each month than the comparable year-ago quarter.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE -3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, at $390.43 in December, registered a new high as a result of substantial overtime worked in fabricated metals, textile mill products and the machinery and transportation equipment sector. Average weekly earnings in the SMSA, rose to $442.04 in December, after declining during the two previous months. Higher average weekly hours in the machinery and transportation equipment and textile mill products sectors were responsible for the December rise.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - Chrysler Corporation repaid its $5 million loan to Delaware, 11 years earlier than the scheduled pay-off date..... Construction contracts in Delaware for 1983 totaled almost $450 million according to F. W. Dodge division of McGraw-Hill. This is a 31 percent gain over 1982..... Delaware will soon receive $4,700,000 for the Job Training Partnership Act. Training will be focused on economically disadvantaged youth and adults, plus displaced workers.....

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Porter Chevrolet opened its completely-rebuilt dealership in Newark..... Bennigan's Tavern opened on the Concord Pike next to Fairfax Shopping Center. The management of the 186-seat restaurant has hired about 120 persons..... The Pencader plant of the DuPont company plans to discontinue manufacturing polyethylene pipe in six months. About 30 employees may be cut. The company will seek to place these persons at other DuPont plants in the area..... Leon Weiner and Associates, Inc. has started construction on the first of 10 buildings on a new office complex near Wilton on Route 40. Plans for the Wilton Corporate Center call for 400,000 to 500,000 square feet of office space on 38 acres..... Construction is set to begin on a new $9 million four-story building to Delaware Technical and Community College in Wilmington..... After 71 years in business, Braunstein's Inc. is going out of business. The closing of the chain's six clothing stores will end employment for 140 workers..... Manor Care Inc. is building a 120-bed nursing home on Foulk Road..... About 150 workers at the DuPont Co., Newport location will be laid off in late February or early March. The plant is closing out its blue pigment line..... Amoco Chemical Corporation gave Delaware 125 acres of land near New Castle. The Amoco Plant was destroyed by fire in October, 1980. The site, appraised at $3.3 million, will be developed as an industrial park..... The City of Wilmington plans to build its sixth parking garage this spring. The 600 car facility will have a bus station and be located near the Amtrak Station..... Chase Manhattan Bank (USA) will receive a loan to build a $35 million 15 story building at 800 Delaware Avenue in Wilmington..... Atlantic Aviation plans to lay off 40 workers due to a smaller demand for the firm's aircraft-interior furnishing work..... The Bank of New York (Delaware) opened in Wilmington with $50 million in capital. Located in the American International Building, the consumer and commercial lender is the twelfth bank established under the Financial Center Development Act..... Construction of the 10-story American Life Insurance building in the Christina Gateway is proceding. The building will open in 1985..... The New Castle County Board of Adjustments approved the application of I-95 Seven Joint Ventures to construct a small shopping center near the Stanton branch of Delaware Technical and Community College..... Bellvue Holding Company has signed a lease with New Castle County to develop an office building in the business park adjacent to the airport..... Beneficial Corporation announced plans to construct an operation and data processing center in the Christina Gateway. Initially the center will employ 240 people..... The Delaware Elwyn Institute announced plans for a $2.5 million building to be constructed at 321 E. 11th Street. The project will keep 90 jobs in Wilmington and create 35 new ones..... St. Francis Hospital opened its new 70 bed medical/surgical unit..... The Red Clay School Board voted to sell Krebs Junior High School to Pettinaro Construction Co. Inc. for $150,000.....

KENT COUNTY - Construction has begun on 510 new apartments inGeneral's Greene, opposite Dover Air Force Base..... Dover Downs opened its harness racing season..... City of Dover Planning Commission gave preliminary approval for several projects on construction of 200 housing units in the area..... The General Clothing Company must rehire 126 people it locked out in November, ruled Administrative Law Judge M. Wagman..... Wheeler Airlines, the firm that took over commuter flights in May at Dover Air Force Base, has ended its operations. Resort airlines will now offer commuter service..... First State Crane Service Inc. was awarded a $297,400 contract to repair the US 113 bridge over the Murderkill River near Frederica. Repairs should be completed in April..... The Kent Convalescent Center plans to add 50 beds by constructing an addition.....

SUSSEX COUNTY - About 1,800 acres of farm and marshland around Big Stone Beach and Bennett's Pier are being sold by a group of major oil companies. The companies bought the land in 1968 for use as a crude oil terminal, but passage of the Costal Zone Act in 1971 ruled this out. The land may have potential as a bulk shipment transfer point for some other industry..... Milford's L. D. Caulk Co. plans to add 40 jobs in early 1984 when it begins producing high-speed dental burrs..... The DuPont Company plans to hire 100 to 150 at its Seaford nylon plant, as a result of increased business..... The Sussex County Council approved developer Mario Capano's plan for 61 oceanfront homes near Bethany Beach..... This spring, Sandy Hill Acres, Inc. will start constructing 126 houses or mobile homes near Love Creek outside of Georgetown..... Kemco Inc. has applied for a $210,000 industrial revenue bond to construct a plant in the Sussex County Industrial Park. Starting in April, about 10 employees will be hired to manufacture aluminum skirting for mobile homes..... Commonwealth Development Corp. will build two shopping centers in Delaware. The first will be $8.4 million, 183,529 square-feet Seaford Village Shopping Center off U.S. 13 and Sussex 534. The other center will be the Milford Village complex at U.S. 113 and Delaware 14. The Milford project will be 202,116 square feet and cost $9.34 million to build. For each project 170 construction workers will be needed and at completion about 260 retail workers..... Seaford will have three extra fast food restaurants by this summer: Kentucky Fried Chicken, employing 30 workers; Golden Corral, 35 workers and Bonanza with 45 workers..... A state environmental appeals board has ruled that 72 condominiums can be built near Rehoboth Beach. Beachaven will be built in phases and construction will begin this summer.....

SURROUNDING AREAS - Cecil County is running a $2.6 million deficit in its current budget. The county must cut expenses and may lay off some employees..... Sun Oil Co. plans to close three lubricant manufacturing plants in Marcus Hook, Pa. by mid - 1984, laying off 500 workers. Sun plans to keep the rest of the refinery open.....

AUTO INDUSTRY - General Motors and the United Auto Workers announced a job retraining program for 13,000 workers laid off and 2,500 others whose jobs are uncertain..... Domestic automakers reported that their combined mid - January car sales increased 24.3 percent, the best performance in five years.....

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the fourth quarter of 1983 were 66,741, with a benefit amount of $6,290,924 paid out. The average

size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during that same period was $103, as compared to the $99 average paid in the third quarter of 1983.

Claimants receiving a first payment totaled 6,841 during the fourth quarter, showing a sharp increase from the third quarter of 1983.

Extended benefit payments for the quarter, amounted to $901,363 for 8,810 weeks of compensation, all of which represented the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program.

Continued Claim counts for the fourth quarter of 1983 registered 63,100, showing a decline of 37,000 for the same period last year. The total number of auto industry claims was 1,900 for the quarter, decreasing 12,100 from the fourth quarter of 1982.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings for selected occupations at the end of December were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Cook, 26 openings; clerk-typist, 18; manager, retail store, 17; carpenter, 16; cashier II, 15; salesperson, general merchandise, 9; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 9; automobile mechanic, 8; waiter/waitress, informal, 7; automobile service station attendant, 7; telephone solicitor, 6; kitchen helper, 6; machinist, 6 openings.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Cook, 25 openings; clerk-typist, 18; manager, retail store, 17; carpenter, 16; cashier II, 15; salesperson, general merchandise, 9; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 9; automobile mechanic, 8; waiter/waitress, informal, 7; automobile service station attendant, 7; telephone solicitor, 6; and machinist, 6 openings.

For current information on specific jobs, contact the nearest Job Service Office of Delaware Department of Labor.

Characteristics of Job Seekers in December were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Of approximately 11,156 active applicants, 48 percent were male, 56 percent were white, 39 percent were black, 12 percent were under 22, while 63 percent were 22 to 39, and 25 percent were 40 and over. By educational level 37 percent had not finished high school, 48 percent had graduated from high school, and 15 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 31 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 37 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Of about 7,122 active applicants, 51 percent were male, 56 percent were white, 39 percent were black, 10 percent were under 22, 64 percent were 22 to 39, and 25 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 35 percent had not finished high school, 49 percent had graduated from high school, and 16 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 34 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 35 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers was unchanged during December following a 0.2 percent increase in November. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics higher housing, food and medical care prices were offset by lower apparel, transportation and entertainment charges. For the year of 1983 area prices rose 3.6 percent as the index reached 291.8. Nationally, the index was 303.5 for an over the year gain of 3.8 percent.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES

Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information

James K. McFadden has been named the new Chief of the Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information. This office was created by an Executive Order which merged the SOICC (State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee) with the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE). The office (OOLMI) is responsible for oversight and management of a statewide comprehensive labor market and occupational supply and demand information system. It also provides labor market data and individualized career information to meet the needs of State economic development, education, employment and training agencies as well as to individuals in the State's labor force.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(In Thousands)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1983			1982			1983			1982		
	OCT	NOV	DEC 1/	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC 1/	OCT	NOV	DEC
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	264.6	266.2	266.0	261.7	258.2	261.5	233.8	234.3	234.8	232.7	229.9	233.0
Manufacturing	68.3	68.4	68.1	69.4	65.3	68.0	59.2	59.3	59.2	61.9	58.2	61.1
Durable Goods	18.8	18.7	18.7	18.4	14.7	18.4	19.0	18.9	18.8	20.0	16.2	19.9
Primary Metals	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.9	3.0	3.1
Fabricated Metals	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	10.0	10.1	10.0	10.3	6.4	10.0	10.8	10.8	10.7	11.0	7.1	10.8
Other Durable Goods	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4
Nondurable Goods	49.5	49.8	49.4	51.0	50.6	49.5	40.2	40.4	40.4	42.0	42.0	41.2
Food & Kindred Products	8.9	8.9	8.6	8.8	8.6	8.3	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Apparel	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Printing & Publishing	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	30.1	30.4	30.4	31.8	31.7	31.9	30.9	31.0	31.0	32.9	32.9	32.1
Rubber & Plastics	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Nonmanufacturing	196.3	197.8	197.8	192.3	192.9	190.8	174.5	175.0	175.6	170.7	171.8	171.9
Construction	17.0	17.0	16.5	16.0	15.9	15.2	19.7	19.0	18.7	19.4	19.1	18.6
Trans. & Public Utilities	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.0	10.9	10.9	11.3	11.3	11.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade	58.0	58.9	59.6	57.2	57.7	56.6	49.0	50.0	50.5	47.5	48.4	48.8
Wholesale Trade	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.8	11.0	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.5
Retail Trade	47.1	48.1	48.7	46.2	46.9	45.5	39.4	40.4	40.9	37.8	38.8	39.3
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	13.9	14.0	14.0	13.3	13.3	13.4	12.7	12.8	12.9	12.2	12.2	12.3
Services & Mining	52.1	52.2	52.3	50.3	50.0	50.1	46.7	46.8	47.0	45.1	45.0	45.1
Government	44.0	44.3	44.1	44.0	44.3	43.9	35.4	35.5	35.6	35.3	35.7	35.8
Federal Government	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.4
State & Local Government	38.5	38.9	38.7	38.5	38.9	38.4	31.1	31.2	31.3	30.9	31.4	31.4
State	21.2	21.4	21.2	21.2	21.2	20.5	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	13.9
Local	17.2	17.5	17.5	17.3	17.7	18.0	17.1	17.2	17.3	16.9	17.4	17.6
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0

1/ Preliminary

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$ 364.18	$ 354.11	$ 390.43	40.6	38.7	42.3	$ 8.99	$ 9.15	$ 9.23
DURABLE GOODS	400.41	365.81	436.25	40.9	37.1	44.2	9.79	9.86	9.87
Primary Metals	413.76	410.06	428.29	44.3	41.8	44.8	9.34	9.81	9.56
Fabricated Metals	286.07	296.83	378.14	37.2	38.7	46.8	7.69	7.67	8.08
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	450.02	387.32	489.41	40.8	34.8	44.9	11.03	11.13	10.90
NONDURABLE GOODS	338.12	345.46	356.18	40.3	39.8	40.8	8.39	8.68	8.73
Food & Kindred Products	196.32	220.92	228.91	35.5	37.7	38.1	5.53	5.86	6.01
Textile Mill Products	284.54	306.44	378.19	41.6	43.1	52.6	6.84	7.11	7.19
Apparel	180.21	172.61	175.06	37.7	37.2	36.7	4.78	4.64	4.77
Printing & Publishing	312.21	320.28	327.01	35.6	34.7	34.9	8.77	9.23	9.37
Chemicals & Allied Products	485.90	510.18	499.70	43.0	42.8	42.6	11.30	11.92	11.73
Rubber & Plastic Products	397.01	394.25	424.84	43.2	42.9	44.3	9.19	9.19	9.59
1982									
MANUFACTURING	$ 343.01	$ 331.50	$ 354.16	39.7	39.7	40.2	$ 8.64	$ 8.35	$ 8.81
DURABLE GOODS	377.33	354.31	392.18	38.9	39.9	40.1	9.70	8.88	9.78
Primary Metals	375.09	411.05	443.87	39.4	39.6	41.6	9.52	10.38	10.67
Fabricated Metals	266.45	313.43	327.18	33.6	38.6	39.9	7.93	8.12	8.20
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	417.09	370.94	418.57	39.2	39.8	39.6	10.64	9.32	10.57
NONDURABLE GOODS	318.38	319.57	327.24	40.2	39.6	40.3	7.92	8.07	8.12
Food & Kindred Products	239.46	238.79	235.31	41.5	41.1	40.5	5.77	5.81	5.81
Textile Mill Products	249.30	278.57	296.96	45.0	43.8	46.4	5.54	6.36	6.40
Apparel	178.34	160.05	161.29	37.0	33.0	34.1	4.82	4.85	4.73
Printing & Publishing	300.65	290.09	306.59	35.0	34.7	34.8	8.59	8.36	8.81
Chemicals & Allied Products	431.08	437.78	437.67	40.1	40.2	40.6	10.75	10.89	10.78
Rubber & Plastic Products	360.67	386.06	381.87	41.6	38.3	43.1	8.67	10.08	8.86

Covers an average 33,700 production workers

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$ 430.68	$ 414.46	$ 442.04	40.9	39.1	43.0	$ 10.53	$ 10.60	$ 10.28
DURABLE GOODS	415.54	383.53	441.07	40.9	37.2	43.2	10.16	10.31	10.21
Primary Metals	392.49	409.53	425.92	44.5	43.8	46.6	8.82	9.35	9.14
Fabricated Metals	285.43	289.91	304.51	36.5	37.7	36.6	7.82	7.69	8.32
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	438.19	385.05	485.28	41.3	35.1	45.1	10.61	10.97	10.76
NONDURABLE GOODS	447.58	451.26	444.87	40.8	41.4	42.9	10.97	10.90	10.37
Food & Kindred Products	213.21	208.94	245.08	35.3	36.4	44.0	6.04	5.74	5.57
Textile Mill Products	291.33	320.01	386.10	41.5	45.2	53.7	7.02	7.08	7.19
Apparel	210.02	215.12	192.92	34.6	36.4	32.1	6.07	5.91	6.01
Printing & Publishing	362.48	381.01	384.78	36.8	36.6	36.3	9.85	10.41	10.60
Chemicals & Allied Products	541.22	546.07	515.27	41.6	42.2	43.3	13.01	12.94	11.90
Rubber & Plastic Products	335.34	342.35	385.86	40.5	41.0	43.6	8.28	8.35	8.85
1982									
MANUFACTURING	$ 391.40	$ 387.47	$ 408.33	38.6	39.7	39.3	$ 10.14	$ 9.76	$ 10.39
DURABLE GOODS	389.23	374.92	401.95	37.9	39.8	39.1	10.27	9.42	10.28
Primary Metals	370.44	405.50	422.24	34.3	39.6	36.4	10.80	10.24	11.60
Fabricated Metals	270.28	320.72	321.36	34.3	39.4	39.0	7.88	8.14	8.24
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	415.15	368.40	415.01	39.5	40.0	39.6	10.51	9.21	10.48
NONDURABLE GOODS	394.42	401.15	415.67	39.6	39.6	39.4	9.96	10.13	10.55
Food & Kindred Products	306.29	236.99	211.56	52.9	44.8	34.4	5.79	5.29	6.15
Textile Mill Products	252.50	284.03	300.83	46.5	44.8	47.3	5.43	6.34	6.36
Apparel	191.88	177.26	169.72	35.6	33.7	30.2	5.39	5.26	5.62
Printing & Publishing	342.00	335.78	357.08	36.0	36.3	36.4	9.50	9.25	9.81
Chemicals & Allied Products	466.10	487.62	499.32	39.3	40.5	41.3	11.86	12.04	12.09
Rubber & Plastic Products	322.00	319.45	345.58	40.0	39.1	37.4	8.05	8.17	9.24

Covers an average 27,400 production workers

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
STATE TOTALS 1/	16,598	20,666	29,477	1,661,115	1,854,230	2,775,579	106	103	100
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	9,508	12,221	14,565	959,716	1,066,673	1,429,833	108	108	104
Wilmington L.O.	6,027	8,438	8,765	599,408	682,075	870,496	105	107	105
Newark L.O.	3,481	3,783	5,800	360,308	384,598	559,337	110	109	103
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	2,892	3,180	6,117	252,248	270,634	517,819	91	90	89
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	1,509	2,175	4,327	137,485	171,022	328,425	96	82	81

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM WEEKS COMPENSATED			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
STATE TOTALS 1/	1,043	2,856	2,942	2,441	3,790	2,579	243,086	378,421	279,856
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	580	2,255	1,388	1,474	2,432	1,545	147,659	249,181	168,626
Wilmington L.O.	352	2,014	829	1,001	1,628	996	100,829	167,955	109,371
Newark L.O.	228	241	559	473	804	549	46,830	81,226	59,255
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	158	187	629	514	790	379	46,854	69,519	35,978
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	147	227	573	116	177	144	10,165	14,969	13,600

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1983			1982		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
TOTAL COUNT	4,700	6,200	5,300	7,400	9,800	7,700
Number of Auto Industry	0	1,500	0	1,100	3,100	0
Total Less Auto Industry	4,700	4,700	5,300	6,300	6,700	7,700
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
TOTAL COUNT	18,300	22,400	22,400	26,600	38,000	35,500
Number of Auto Industry	0	1,700	200	3,000	9,100	1,900
Total Less Auto Industry	18,300	20,700	22,200	23,600	28,900	33,600

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1983			1982		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
All Items	291.2	291.7	291.8	281.8	282.9	281.6
Food & Beverages	293.0	291.5	292.0	285.7	285.4	285.0
Housing	295.0	296.4	298.3	292.8	295.0	291.8
Apparel & Upkeep	187.4	185.2	179.8	185.8	183.0	179.5
Transportation	312.5	313.7	312.8	297.3	297.6	298.9
Medical	387.8	387.0	387.6	350.0	355.3	356.3
Entertainment	236.2	239.6	239.1	226.4	226.8	225.5
Other Goods & Services	311.5	312.1	312.4	278.4	280.8	284.0
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.4	0.4	-0.5
Yearly	3.3	3.1	3.6	2.6	3.2	2.4
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	302.6	303.1	303.5	294.1	293.6	292.4
Mo. Change (%)	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	- 0.2	-0.4
Yr. Change (%)	2.9	3.2	3.8	5.1	4.6	3.9

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate improves during first quarter..... Nationally, the rate is well below year-ago figures.
- Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earn an average of $396.10 per week, highest ever.
- Wilmington is awarded federal grant to build the Chase Manhattan (USA) Bank and to finance West Center City improvements.
- Hercules will sell 157 acres off Lancaster Pike for office development.
- The Bank of New York (Delaware) will move its entire credit card operation to Newark this summer.
- Phoenix Steel raised private funds and received a state loan to continue operations.
- The U.S. Air Force decides not to expand the number of C-5 jets at Dover Air Force Base.
- Construction is under way on townhouses at Camden Commons on Old North Road in Camden.
- Sussex County approves revenue bonds for construction of a 17-store shopping center near Lewes.
- Chrysler Corporation and General Motors reported record first quarter earnings.
- First quarter continued claim counts for unemployment insurance were substantially below year-ago figures.
- Philadelphia area consumer prices have risen 4.8 percent over the past 12 months.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-1

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JAN	FEB	MAR[1/]	JAN	FEB	MAR[1/]	JAN	FEB	MAR[1/]	JAN	FEB	MAR
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1984	304.8	303.7	307.0	283.5	284.8	286.7	21.3	18.9	20.4	7.0	6.2	6.6
	1983	299.7	295.0	298.1	275.4	271.6	270.6	24.2	23.5	27.5	8.1	8.0	9.2
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1984	296.1	297.2	301.0	271.6	274.1	280.6	24.6	23.1	20.4	8.3	7.8	6.8
	1983	291.7	290.1	292.5	263.9	261.3	264.9	27.9	28.8	27.5	9.6	9.9	9.4
WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1984	267.6	266.8	269.5	247.5	250.7	250.9	20.1	16.1	18.6	7.6	6.0	6.9
	1983	263.4	259.0	262.0	240.1	239.1	237.9	23.3	19.9	24.1	8.8	7.7	9.2
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1984	263.9	265.0	267.9	242.7	245.0	249.3	21.3	20.0	18.6	8.1	7.5	6.9
	1983	260.0	258.4	260.5	235.4	233.7	236.4	24.6	24.7	24.1	9.5	9.6	9.3
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	112,215.0	112,693.0	112,912.0	103,190.0	103,892.0	104,140.0	9,026.0	8,801.0	8,772.0	8.0	7.8	7.8
	1983	110,677.0	110,688.0	110,735.0	99,154.0	99,172.0	99,316.0	11,523.0	11,516.0	11,419.0	10.4	10.4	10.3
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	3,774.0	3,881.0	3,822.0	3,503.0	3,575.0	3,565.0	271.0	236.0	257.0	7.2	6.2	6.7
	1983	3,603.0	3,615.0	3,598.0	3,298.0	3,305.0	3,297.0	305.0	310.0	301.0	8.5	8.6	8.4
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	7,939.0	8,024.0	8,061.0	7,353.0	7,432.0	7,501.0	586.0	592.0	560.0	7.4	7.4	6.9
	1983	7 922.0	7 921.0	8 010.0	7 220.0	7.226.0	7.278.0	702.0	695.0	732.0	8.9	8.8	9.1
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	5 451.0	5.421.0	5.365.0	4,997.0	4,888.0	4.887.0	454.0	533.0	478.0	8.3	9.8	8.9
	1983	5 481.0	5.455.0	5,402.0	4,758.0	4,745.0	4,690.0	723.0	710.0	712.0	13.2	13.0	13.2
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1984	2,200.8	2,193.5	2,199.5	2,051.8	2,057.4	2,075.9	149.0	136.0	123.6	6.8	6.2	5.6
	1983	2,167.1	2,165.8	2,195.9	1,972.5	1,975.0	2,016.7	194.6	190.7	179.2	9.0	8.8	8.2

[1/] PRELIMINARY [2/] SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

Delaware's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined during the first quarter from 8.3 percent in January to 7.8 percent in February and to 6.8 percent in March. The year-ago figures for the same period were much higher, ranging from 9.4 percent to 9.9 percent. The seasonally adjusted rate dropped from 7.0 percent in January to 6.2 percent in February and rose slightly to 6.6 percent in March.*

Nationally, the unemployment rate dropped from 8.0 percent in January to 7.8 percent in both February and March. The March, 1983 figure was 10.3 percent.

*Please Note: The monthly movements are primarily attributed to the application of a monthly seasonal factor against an unadjusted unemployment number not influenced by an event which has occurred in the past but did not occur this year. Due to Delaware's small unemployment size, occurrences entailing large numbers tend to distort the seasonal factors.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total state nonagricultural wage and salary employment, following normal seasonal patterns, registered declines in January and February and a gain in March. The nonmanufacturing sector accounted for this movement, with January declines and March gains in construction, retail trade, services and state government. Reflecting the improving economy, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was significantly higher each month than the year-ago quarter with improvement particularly evident in retail trade and services. Total nonagricultural employment in the Wilmington SMSA, experiencing the same January and March seasonal movement as Delaware, registered sizable gains over the year-ago quarter. In the nonmanufacturing sector, mining, which had been combined with services, is now listed separately for the first time for both Delaware and the SMSA.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, at $396.10 in March, surpassed the previous high which was set in September, 1983. Substantial overtime worked in the machinery and transportation equipment sector was primarily responsible for this rise. Average weekly earnings in the SMSA, at $459.67 in March, also set a new high with the previously mentioned phenonena responsible.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - By the end of 1984, Delaware plans to repay its $44.8 million unemployment insurance debt to the federal government. This will balance out the state's unemployment fund for the first time in ten years and relieve Delaware employers of $9 million in penalty taxes they pay on the state's outstanding loan..... Beginning in July, 28 Delaware agencies will receive $3,700,000 for funding under the Federal Job Training Partnership Act. The Delaware Private Industry Council which administers the funds, turned down 22 other applicants. This year, the council decided to stress long-term skill training and on-the-job training programs..... F.W. Dodge Division of McGraw-Hill reported that residential construction contracts in Delaware totaled $19 million in February, 1984, as compared to $11 million in February, 1983. Nonresidential contracts totaled $9.9 million this year, as compared to $5.6 million last year..... Kennard-Pyle Company closed two Kennard's Department Stores, laying off 80 persons. The stores were located in Pike Creek Shopping Center and in the Blue Hen Mall.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Construction is nearly complete on the $12 million structure that will house the Continental American Life Insurance Co. In mid-spring, 255 employees will be moving from Wilmington to the new site near Stanton off Interstate 95..... Two major Philadelphia law firms set up branches in Wilmington earlier this year: Pepper, Hamilton and Scheetz at 824 Market Street and Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell and Hippel at 11th and Market Streets..... The Brandywine Board of Education will finalize the sale of the Faulk Road Elementary School. Developers, Pierce K. Crompton and George F. Snyder, plan to start construction on five new office buildings at the site in May..... Wilmington has been awarded a $9.3 million Federal Urban Development Action Grant to build the Chase Manhattan (USA) Bank and to finance improvements in the West Center City neighborhood. About 734 new jobs could be created..... A building at 504 Market Street, originally built in 1939 as a five and ten-cent store, is being redesigned. The 46,000-square foot building will house at least 15 offices. The project is expected to be completed by late summer..... The DuPont Company is building a $4.3 million wing at its Glasgow site to produce interleukin-2, a protein substance..... The Wilmington City Planning Commission recommended approval of the Pettinaro Development Company's plan to construct three 15-story condominiums, office buildings and 20 townhouses on the Wilmington Medical Center's General Division Site..... Hercules Inc. announced plans to sell 157 acres off Lancaster Pike and Centerville Road for office development..... Delaware Park, after closing in 1982, is back in operation. The track began weekend racing on March 31 and will close May 28..... The refurbishing of the 2900 Block of Market Street in Wilmington has begun. Construction will include a $645,000 restaurant and the project should take six months..... The Radisson Hotel in Wilmington plans to build a ten-story addition that will produce 216 new rooms. Construction is to start in Spring, 1985 and take a year and a half..... The Bank of New York (Delaware) plans to move its entire credit card operation to a site near the Motor Wheel Corporation in Newark sometime this summer. The bank has started recruiting for the 140 full and part-time positions it needs to fill..... The DuPont Company opened two new agriculture research labs; one at the Experimental Station near Wilmington, the other at Stine-Haskell Research Center near Newark..... The "Air Transport Command" restaurant opened next door to the Greater Wilmington Airport. The new restaurant, which seats 210 people, is distinguished by its resemblance to a World War II combat unit set in an English country manor..... Hessler Properties Inc. will start construction on a seven-store shopping complex at 1010 Union Street..... Phoenix

Steel raised $1 million in private aid and the Delaware General Assembly approved a $1 million loan to keep the company operating..... The City of Wilmington will receive $4.6 million in Federal Grants to subsidize construction of Beneficial Corporation computer center in Christina Gateway; a supermarket and shopping center at the former Mary C.I. Williams School at Fourth and Adams Streets; and a new building for the Delaware Elwyn Institute Inc. at 311 E. 11th Street. These projects are expected to bring 400 jobs to Wilmington..... A $2.5 million renovation project on the Christina River near Orange Street will start in June. Eventually an architectural firm and an interior decorating firm will move into the remodeled warehouse..... Ernest Di Sabatino and Sons and CRS Sirrine Inc. of Houston, Texas have started construction on a data processing center for the J.P. Morgan Company in Stanton. Completion of the project is expected in 1986. The center will house international commercial banking operations for the firm..... Churchman Village, a retirement living center, opened an Ogletown-Stanton Road. The 100-bed skilled nursing wing has 58 employees. About 100 more will be hired in the future..... In early May, the 60-year-old Schmidt Baking Co. in Wilmington will close, leaving 160 workers without jobs.

KENT COUNTY - The U.S. Air Force announced plans to keep the same number of C-5 military transport jets at Dover Air Force Base for the next five years. The announcement was a dissapointment for county and state officials who desired a larger fleet to create more jobs and an economic boom in Kent County..... Construction has begun on Camden Commons on Old North Road in Camden. The initial phase includes 16 townhouses to be completed this spring with 52 more homes planned later..... Construction is set to begin on a 300-bed minimum security prison near Smyrna using an all-inmate workforce. Prison construction teams are already working on a 104-bed addition to the Plummer House, a work release center in Wilmington..... Work on the $3.5 million replacement for Kent County Family Court is expected to begin this summer. Completion will take about a year..... Frank A. Robino and Walter J. Ellis want to build Bay Tree, a development containing 125 single-family homes, 94 townhouses and 96 apartments. The Dover area homes would sell for $50,000 to $60,000. Construction could start in May and last for five years. Another housing development, Chatham Cove on Garden Lane of Silver Lake, is also in the planning stage. The development would consist of 53 townhouses in the $70,000 to $80,000 range. The Dover Planning Commission has approved these two projects..... Roadway Express of Akron, Ohio opened a Dover office and trucking center..... Hess Apparel store opened a branch with 43 employees in Dover Mall. A. Ettenger, a woman's shoe store, also opened in the Mall which now has 67 businesses..... The former Sears, Roebuck and Company building in Dover has been sold to True Pack Box Outlet. The packaging branch will open in half of the building and the other half will be remodeled..... Construction will start this spring on a $3 million motel and restaurant project on U.S. 113 north of Milford. Silicato Construction will employ about 45 people on the project.

SUSSEX COUNTY - The Georgetown Office of Delmarva Power and Light Company has closed, following a study showing a low level of transactions. Accounts will be transferred to DP&L's Millsboro office..... Industrial revenue bonds will keep Atlantis Plastic Corp. of Milton afloat, saving 18 jobs..... An $800,000 bond will finance expansion and renovation of the Mason-Dixon Motel on Fenwick Island..... Graves Uniforms and Clothing of Lewes was awarded a $72,198 contract to supply concealable

body armor for approximately 200 City of Wilmington police officers..... Sussex County Council approved $400,000 in industrial revenue bonds for a 17-store shopping center near Lewes. The shopping center, to be called Tenley Court, is expected to provide 78 construction jobs and 56 full-time jobs upon completion..... Walter Lehman Jr. received tentative approval to build 400 single-family houses southeast of Five Points near Lewes. The homes would be built in phases of 20 to 30 units at a time..... The Sussex County Planning Board endorsed plans for 800 townhouses at Sea Colony West near Bethany Beach and a $1.5 million shopping center along U.S. 13 near Delmar. In the shopping center, Edgehill Drugs hopes to build a supermarket, a dry goods store, a restaurant and one of its own stores.

SURROUNDING AREAS - The DuPont Company is trying to develop an industrial park on land once occupied by the Carney's Point plant. Ethyl Energy Corp. has signed as the first tenant and will build a plant to produce ethyl alcohol and employ 50 persons..... In late February, 120 Country Pride workers in Hurlock, Maryland were permanently laid off because the pre-packaging work was moved to Milford, Delaware..... State Farm Mutual Insurance Co. started construction on a $12 million regional headquarters building at the northeast corner of the Route 1 and 202 intersection in Pennsylvania. Approximately 650 employees are scheduled to move into the new building upon completion in May, 1985..... Scott Paper Co. in Chester plans to trim about 100 people from a payroll of 1,500 through early retirement or voluntary leaving.

AUTO INDUSTRY - Chrysler Corp. earned $705.8 million in the first quarter, which was more than any full year in its history. The company said its performance reflected an increase of 58 percent in sales from $3.1 billion..... General Motors reported record first-quarter earnings of $1.6 billion. GM sales for the quarter totaled a record $23 billion, as compared with $16.7 in the first quarter of 1983.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4&5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the first quarter of 1984 were 86,419, with a benefit amount of $8,252,523 paid out. The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during the same period was $100, as compared to $103 average paid in the fourth quarter of 1983.

Claimants receiving a first payment totaled 6,373 during the first quarter, showing a decline from the previous quarter.

Extended benefit payments for the quarter amounted to $737,241 for 6,651 weeks of compensation, all of which represented the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program.

Continued Claim counts for the first quarter of 1984 registered 88,700, showing an increase of 25,600 from the fourth quarter of 1983. There were no auto industry claims for the quarter.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings for selected occupations at the end of March were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Cook, 82 openings; waiter/waitress, 63; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 35; cashier II, 21; tractor-trailer truck driver, 20; bartender, 19; clerk-typist, 18; counter attendant, lunchroom or coffee shop, 18; accounting clerk, 14; electrician, 14; carpenter, 14; guard, security, 13; sales agent, insurance, 12; and maintenance repairer, building, 12 openings.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Cook, 81 openings; waiter/waitress, 63; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 26; tractor-trailer truck driver, 20; bartender, 19; clerk-typist, 18; counter attendant, lunch room or coffee shop, 18; cashier II, 15; accounting clerk, 14; carpenter, 14; sales agent, insurance, 12; guard, security, 12; electrician, 12; and maintenance repairer, building, 12 openings.

For current information on specific jobs, contact the nearest Job Service Office of the Delaware Department of Labor.

Characteristics of Job Seekers in March were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Of approximately 13,071 active applicants, 50 percent were male, 58 percent were white, 37 percent were black, 12 percent were under 22, while 63 percent were 22 to 39, and 25 percent were 40 and over. By educational level 36 percent had not finished high school, 50 percent had graduated from high school, and 14 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 26 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 43 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Of about 7,758 active applicants, 53 percent were male, 58 percent were white, 37 percent were black, 10 percent were under 22, 64 percent were 22 to 39, and 26 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 34 percent had not finished high school, 50 percent had graduated from high school, and 16 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 31 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 41 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all items in the Philadelphia area in January rose by 0.9 percent due to sharply higher food and housing costs. The February increase of 0.7 percent closely followed January's pattern, while in March the CPI increase was a moderate 0.1 percent. The index in March was 296.7 representing a 4.8 percent gain over the past 12 months. Nationally, the March index was 307.3 for a monthly gain of 0.2 percent and a yearly rise of 4.7 percent.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLE

WHAT IS SOICC?

The U.S. Congress created the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (NOICC) and its counterpart State Occupational Information Committees (SOICC's) in 1976. Job seekers and persons making career decisions need accurate,

timely, and locally relevant information to make reasonable judgements about the world of work. Similarly, educators, administrators, and economic development personnel need information on the labor market for effective planning.

Education and training programs must have acceptable information if they are to supply trained workers for available job opportunities. Federal, state, and local programs generate enormous amounts of occupationally related information. The methods used to collect, analyze, and disseminate the information have often been dificult to integrate and compare. SOICC is mandated to achieve, among other tasks, the following: 1) improve communication, coordination, and cooperation between producers and users of occupational, career, and educational information; 2) coordinate development and implementation of an occupational information system (OIS) (in Delaware, the DELPHI system); 3) assist in elimination of duplicative data collection efforts between related organizations; and 4) provide training to users on availability, limitations, uses, and methods for utilization of existing labor market information resources.

WHERE IS SOICC?

SOICC of Delaware is now located within the new Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information, Delaware Department of Labor. For more information, call (302) 368-6963.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1984			1983			1984			1983		
	JAN	FEB	MAR 1/	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR 1/	JAN	FEB	MAR
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	264.4	263.7	266.6	256.5	254.8	258.3	233.2	233.3	235.7	227.6	226.3	229.2
Manufacturing	67.4	67.1	67.2	67.0	66.6	66.7	59.0	58.9	59.0	59.9	59.5	59.6
Durable Goods	19.4	19.2	19.2	18.2	18.1	18.1	18.9	18.8	18.8	18.4	18.0	18.0
Primary Metals	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.0	2.0
Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.0	10.0	9.9	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.1	10.2	10.1
Other Durable Goods	5.5	5.4	5.4	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4
Nondurable Goods	48.0	47.9	48.0	48.8	48.5	48.6	40.1	40.1	40.2	41.5	41.5	41.7
Food & Kindred Products	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.8	7.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Apparel	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Printing & Publishing	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	29.4	29.4	29.4	30.8	30.8	30.7	31.0	31.1	31.1	32.7	32.7	32.7
Rubber & Plastics	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
Other Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.7	3 6	3.5	3.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	197.0	196.5	199.3	189.5	188.2	191.6	174.2	174.5	176.7	167.7	166.7	169.5
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Construction	15.2	14.9	15.7	15.6	14.9	15.5	17.6	17.5	18.1	17.3	16.9	17.5
Trans. & Public Utilities	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	12.0	11.5	11.4	11.5	11.5	11.4	11.6
Trade	58.0	56.7	57.1	55.0	53.3	54.2	48.7	47.6	47.6	47.0	45.5	46.0
Wholesale	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.6	10.5	10.6	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4
Retail	46.9	45.8	46.0	44.3	42.8	43.5	39.0	38.0	38.0	37.5	36.2	36.6
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	15.9	16.0	16.1	14.6	14.7	14.9	14.6	14.7	14.8	13.4	13.5	13.7
Services	52.9	53.3	54.2	49.4	49.9	50.7	47.1	47.7	48.5	44.4	44.9	45.4
Government	43.1	43.7	44.4	43.0	43.5	44.2	34.4	35.3	36.0	33.8	34.4	35.0
Federal	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
State & Local	37.7	38.3	38.9	37.6	38.1	38.7	30.0	30.9	31.6	29.5	30.1	30.7
State	20.1	20.7	21.1	19.8	20.3	20.8	12.7	13.3	13.7	12.3	12.8	13.3
Local	17.5	17.6	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.9	17.3	17.7	17.9	17.3	17.3	17.4
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

1/ Preliminary.

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
1984									
MANUFACTURING	$ 371.79	$ 384.80	$ 396.10	40.5	41.6	42.5	$ 9.18	$ 9.25	$ 9.32
DURABLE GOODS	400.55	423.12	443.70	40.5	43.0	43.5	9.89	9.84	10.20
Primary Metals	385.48	389.00	373.30	42.5	42.1	40.4	9.07	9.24	9.24
Fabricated Metals	307.13	332.42	318.55	38.2	39.2	38.8	8.04	8.48	8.21
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	448.80	478.29	519.34	40.8	44.7	46.0	11.00	10.70	11.29
NONDURABLE GOODS	349.52	355.59	361.15	40.5	40.5	41.8	8.63	8.78	8.64
Food & Kindred Products	245.96	243.10	254.61	39.8	39.4	41.0	6.18	6.17	6.21
Textile Mill Products	324.55	289.26	344.31	46.9	41.5	49.9	6.92	6.97	6.90
Apparel	175.35	187.72	176.29	35.0	38.0	35.4	5.01	4.94	4.98
Printing & Publishing	302.96	314.87	313.16	33.7	34.3	34.3	8.99	9.18	9.13
Chemicals & Allied Products	483.81	506.24	485.62	41.6	41.7	41.9	11.63	12.14	11.59
Rubber & Plastic Products	406.79	422.26	425.82	45.3	46.3	45.3	8.98	9.12	9.40
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$ 353.70	$ 345.04	$ 364.31	39.3	38.0	46.3	$ 9.00	$ 9.08	$ 9.04
DURABLE GOODS	393.39	381.40	409.53	39.3	38.8	41.2	10.01	9.83	9.94
Primary Metals	411.32	362.86	433.02	42.1	39.7	45.2	9.77	9.14	9.58
Fabricated Metals	301.92	266.42	297.11	37.0	34.2	37.8	8.16	7.79	7.86
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	431.01	427.00	454.57	38.9	39.5	41.4	11.08	10.81	10.98
NONDURABLE GOODS	325.01	319.13	331.89	39.3	37.5	39.7	8.27	8.51	8.36
Food & Kindred Products	235.20	215.35	226.74	39.2	36.5	38.3	6.00	5.90	5.92
Textile Mill Products	260.71	229.99	256.94	40.8	34.9	40.4	6.39	6.59	6.36
Apparel	175.68	152.29	178.60	36.0	31.4	36.3	4.88	4.85	4.92
Printing & Publishing	294.69	291.49	301.19	33.0	32.9	34.5	8.93	8.86	8.73
Chemicals & Allied Products	440.36	449.55	449.90	40.4	40.5	41.2	10.90	11.10	10.92
Rubber & Plastic Products	370.90	360.20	365.89	42.1	37.8	40.7	8.81	9.00	8.99

Covers an average 67,300 production workers

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
1984									
MANUFACTURING	$ 436.65	$ 450.28	$ 459.67	41.0	42.6	42.8	$ 10.65	$ 10.57	$ 10.74
DURABLE GOODS	421.02	437.68	459.36	40.6	42.7	43.5	10.37	10.25	10.56
Primary Metals	399.02	401.82	384.71	43.8	43.3	41.5	9.11	9.28	9.27
Fabricated Metals	296.84	317.41	306.01	36.2	36.4	36.3	8.20	8.72	8.43
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	448.40	473.98	518.19	41.1	44.8	46.6	10.91	10.58	11.12
NONDURABLE GOODS	455.67	465.38	458.81	41.5	42.5	41.9	10.98	10.95	10.95
Food & Kindred Products	195.94	219.22	183.60	33.9	38.8	36.5	5.78	5.65	5.03
Textile Mill Products	332.32	293.86	352.95	49.6	43.6	52.6	6.70	6.74	6.71
Apparel	218.24	234.12	237.75	35.2	37.4	37.5	6.20	6.26	6.34
Printing & Publishing	356.53	375.73	369.66	35.3	36.8	36.1	10.10	10.21	10.24
Chemicals & Allied Products	553.74	551.17	544.65	42.4	42.3	41.8	13.06	13.03	13.03
Rubber & Plastic Products	360.22	378.90	380.56	43.4	45.0	44.2	8.30	8.42	8.61
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$ 405.08	$ 403.20	$ 419.12	39.1	38.4	40.3	$ 10.36	$ 10.50	$ 10.40
DURABLE GOODS	398.97	388.55	416.36	39.0	38.7	40.9	10.23	10.04	10.18
Primary Metals	408.20	366.11	429.24	42.3	40.1	44.9	9.65	9.13	9.56
Fabricated Metals	298.12	265.39	300.80	36.4	34.2	37.6	8.19	7.76	8.00
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	416.62	413.17	441.98	38.9	39.5	41.5	10.71	10.46	10.65
NONDURABLE GOODS	413.56	421.35	422.53	39.2	38.2	39.6	10.55	11.03	10.67
Food & Kindred Products	213.57	205.62	196.08	33.9	34.5	34.1	6.30	5.96	5.75
Textile Mill Products	267.32	233.64	262.86	41.9	35.4	41.2	6.38	6.60	6.38
Apparel	200.56	162.71	195.10	36.4	29.8	36.4	5.51	5.46	5.36
Printing & Publishing	341.04	340.81	346.74	34.8	34.6	35.6	9.80	9.85	9.74
Chemicals & Allied Products	496.54	501.41	519.98	40.7	40.6	41.4	12.20	12.36	12.56
Rubber & Plastic Products	333.04	309.27	339.06	36.8	33.8	37.3	9.05	9.15	9.09

Covers an average 58,900 production workers

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
STATE TOTALS 1/	29,477	30,254	26,688	2,775,579	2,918,602	2,558,342	100	100	101
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	14,565	15,141	13,724	1,429,833	1,537,064	1,397,825	105	106	107
Wilmington L.O.	8,765	9,199	8,563	870,496	943,327	876,495	105	106	106
Newark L.O.	5,800	5,942	5,161	559,337	593,737	521,330	103	105	107
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	6,117	6,026	5,226	517,819	517,535	440,389	89	89	88
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	4,327	4,491	3,606	328,425	349,330	272,975	81	80	80

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM WEEKS COMPENSATED			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
STATE TOTALS 1/	2,942	2,119	1,312	2,579	2,221	1,851	279,856	251,605	205,780
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	1,388	1,066	700	1,545	1,335	1,144	168,626	148,106	125,226
Wilmington L.O.	829	645	457	996	902	754	109,371	99,703	84,307
Newark L.O.	559	421	243	549	433	390	59,255	48,403	40,919
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	629	506	264	379	328	271	35,978	30,938	25,383
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	573	315	160	144	179	148	13,600	19,002	14,962

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1984			1983		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	7,000	7,100	6,000	9,600	9,300	9,100
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	0	500	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	7,000	7,100	6,000	9,100	9,300	9,100
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	32,000	30,100	26,600	48,500	39,200	43,300
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	0	6,700	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	32,000	30,100	26,600	41,800	39,200	43,300

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1984			1983		
All Items	294.4	296.4	296.7	282.1	282.0	283.0
Food & Beverages	296.0	289.9	299.3	286.5	287.9	288.6
Housing	301.9	305.3	305.7	291.2	291.2	291.4
Apparel & Upkeep	180.8	179.3	179.4	176.4	177.5	181.9
Transportation	314.9	314.6	315.6	300.2	297.0	295.9
Medical	388.5	391.9	391.5	359.4	365.4	366.0
Entertainment	235.1	237.8	236.4	226.4	227.2	234.7
Other Goods & Services	315.1	314.6	314.4	286.8	284.6	287.5
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.9	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.4
Yearly	4.4	5.1	4.8	2.3	2.4	3.0
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	305.2	306.6	307.3	293.1	293.2	293.4
Mo. Change (%)	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Yr. Change (%)	4.1	4.6	4.7	3.8	3.5	3.6

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's unemployment rates for the second quarter are well below year-ago figures.....Nationally, the rate shows substantial improvement over 1983.
- Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earn an average of $375.90 per week.
- Delaware ends fiscal year with largest surplus ever, $46.6 million.
- Approval is granted to Delaware Park for night racing this fall.
- Citibank (Delaware) plans expansion at New Castle Corporate Commons.
- Work started on Adams Four Shopping Plaza in Wilmington.
- New Castle County Department of Planning recommends delay for all major zoning requests along Concord Pike (U.S. 202).
- Jamesway Corp. is to open a store in New Castle Square Mall, the chain's third in New Castle County.
- Construction has begun on a 44-unit townhouse development on White Oak Road in Dover.
- An 18-store shopping center and three motels open in Rehoboth Beach.
- General Motors and Chrysler Corp. report record earnings.
- Second quarter unemployment claim counts in Delaware are below year-ago figures.
- Philadelphia area consumer prices have risen 4.9 percent over the past 12 months.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-1

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1984	309.1	307.7	307.0	290.7	290.9	287.1	18.5	16.9	19.9	6.0	5.5	6.5
	1983	297.0	296.8	296.8	271.5	270.8	272.5	25.5	26.0	24.3	8.6	8.8	8.2
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1984	307.0	309.4	314.6	289.7	294.3	293.7	17.3	15.1	20.9	5.6	4.9	6.6
	1983	294.2	297.2	304.2	269.9	273.2	278.8	24.3	24.0	25.4	8.3	8.1	8.4
WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1984	273.5	271.2	268.6	256.5	255.2	249.8	17.0	16.0	18.7	6.2	5.9	7.0
	1983	263.6	264.1	264.9	241.2	239.5	241.1	22.4	24.5	23.8	8.5	9.3	9.0
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1984	272.5	272.1	271.9	256.4	258.0	251.8	16.2	14.1	20.1	5.9	5.2	7.4
	1983	262.4	263.8	266.6	241.0	242.2	243.1	21.3	21.7	25.5	8.1	8.2	8.8
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1984	113,245.0	113,803.0	113,877.0	104,402.0	105,288.0	105,748.0	8,843.0	8,514.0	8,130.0	7.8	7.5	7.1
	1983	111,905.0	110,950.0	110,975.0	100,743.0	99,762.0	99,606.0	11,162.0	11,189.0	11,369.0	10.0	10.1	10.2
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1984	3,928.0	3,861.0	3,777.0	3,661.0	3,639.0	3,585.0	267.0	222.0	192.0	6.8	5.7	5.1
	1983	3,644.0	3,886.0	3,650.0	3,365.0	3,643.0	3,347.0	279.0	243.0	303.0	7.7	6.3	8.3
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1984	7,994.0	8,074.0	7,972.0	7,461.0	7,532.0	7,403.0	533.0	542.0	569.0	6.7	6.7	7.1
	1983	8,008.0	7,940.0	8,101.0	7,278.0	7,239.0	7,366.0	730.0	701.0	735.0	9.1	8.8	9.1
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1984	5,394.0	5,497.0	5,581.0	4,900.0	4,995.0	5,102.0	494.0	502.0	479.0	9.2	9.1	8.6
	1983	5,414.0	5,511.0	5,567.0	4,715.0	4,822.0	4,882.0	700.0	689.0	685.0	12.9	12.5	12.3
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1984	2,206.0	2,225.0	2,269.0	2,093.0	2,116.0	2,156.0	113.0	109.0	113.0	5.1	4.9	5.0
	1983	2,211.0	2,227.0	2,242.0	2,048.0	2,075.0	2,090.0	162.0	152.0	153.0	7.3	6.8	6.8

1/ PRELIMINARY 2/ SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

Delaware's unemployment rates during the second quarter were well below year-ago figures, which exceeded 8 percent. The seasonally adjusted rates registered 6.0 percent in April, declined to 5.5 percent in May but rose to 6.5 percent in June. The nonseasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in April and declined to 4.9 percent in May, the lowest rate in nine and one-half years. The June rate rose to 6.6 percent, largely as the result of model changeover in the auto industry.

Nationally, the unemployment rate of 7.8 percent in April fell to 7.5 percent in May and 7.1 percent in June. These figures represent a vast improvement over 1983, when the second quarter rates were over 10 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total state nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose seasonally in April and May, while declining in June. The manufacturing sector accounted for the June decline, with a decrease in machinery and transportation equipment resulting from a shutdown for model changeover in the auto industry. The nonmanufacturing sector rose seasonally throughout the quarter with significant gains in retail trade and services. Indicative of the continued economic improvement, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was higher each month than the year-ago quarter with the improvement primarily concentrated in the nonmanufacturing sector. Total nonagricultural employment in the Wilmington SMSA, experiencing the same quarterly movement as Delaware, was higher each month over the year-ago quarter.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware declined throughout the quarter to $375.90 in June. A reduction in the amount of overtime worked in the machinery and transportation equipment sector was primarily responsible for this decline. Average weekly earnings in the SMSA, after setting a new high of $476.33 in April, declined during the quarter to $434.16 in June. High average weekly hours in machinery and transportation equipment and chemicals and allied products was responsible for the high April level.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - The U.S. Department of Commerce approved a foreign trade zone for Wyoming and 400 acres in the Port of Wilmington. The Delaware Development Office will be attempting to recruit businesses for the zone which allows companies to import and store goods from abroad and reduce, delay, or eliminate payment of import tariffs. At least 100 more jobs are expected to develop at this time..... Delaware has effectively been moving towards a service-oriented economy as shown by employment figures for 1972 - 1983. During this period total employment grew by 33,700 jobs, while manufacturing decreased by 1,600. Approximately 56% of the jobs created were in the service area; 25% in trade; and 10% in finance insurance and real estate. Technological advancements and a changing U.S. economy are cited as the reasons for these developments.

Construction contracts in Delaware increased in value by 72 percent during April, according to F.W. Dodge Division of McGraw Hill Information System Co..... Technical and management business professional retirees will serve as consultants for Delaware Service Consultants, a U. of D. research program designed to assist private businesses and public institutions in solving their problems..... The State of Delaware closed the fiscal year with the largest revenue surplus in the State's history, $46.6 million..... Sears, Roebuck and Co. opened the first Sears Financial Network Center in Delaware, which includes Dean Witter Financial Services and Allstate Insurance Co..... Delaware's insurance commissioner has approved a 5.9 percent rate hike for the 240 insurance carriers that provide worker's compensation coverage to Delaware employers.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Grassroots America, a videotax computer service opened its U.S. headquarters in Wilmington. The company provides farmers with up-dated weather forecasts and agricultural equipment costs. Grassroots now employs six and plans to increase to a staff of 12 by the end of the year..... The city of Wilmington and New Castle County received a joint Minority Business Development grant of $152,950 to encourage and facilitate minority business contracting..... DuPont Co. announced that Rosenbluth Travel of Philadelphia will be the sole handler of the company's $80 million a year travel needs. Rosenbluth is in the process of negotiating to buy Wilmington Trust's travel agency..... Price Waterhouse, the accounting firm that audits the DuPont Co. and 19 other Delaware companies will open an office in Wilmington on June 1.

NBD Delaware Bank, the first bank to open under the State's new consumer credit bank act began operations with $6 million in capital. The new operation is required to hire 250 people in its first three years..... Chase Manhattan Bank broke ground for its building which will be located on Delaware Avenue in Wilmington. The creation of approximately 640 new jobs over the next 3 years is expected..... A 1984 wage survey of the Wilmington Standard Metropolitan Statical Area by the Bureau of Labor Statistics found skilled maintenance and power plant jobs accounted for earnings of over $13.00 an hour. These were followed by maintenance electricians, tool and die makers and electronics technicians. The lowest wage earners were file clerks, janitors and guards averaging $5.11 an hour.

Isocyanate Products Inc. plans to move to the former site of Amoco Chemicals Corp. near Delaware City pending approval of a $1.1 million industrial revenue bond. IPI currently employs 37 at its New Castle plant and expects to expand to 43 within a year and 47 within three years..... Delaware Park received legislative approval for night racing this fall. The owners will install lights, build a restaurant and winterize the facilities in preparation for the 57-day schedule..... The remaining tract of the Talley Farm at the corner of Miller and Rockwood Roads, south of I-95, will become Brandywine Farms a development of 20 homes in the $92,000 to $105,000 range. Site development is being handled by DiSabatino Bros. Inc. and the homes will be constructed by Lenape Associates..... Citibank (Delaware) is planning to build two new buildings at New Castle Corporate Commons and double its operations in the State. Construction of a 100,000 square-foot operations building would take about six months and a 150,000 square-foot training and conference center would be built in one year.

St. Anthony's Community Development Corp. was awarded a contract to build 14 townhouses in the 600 Block of W. Third St. This parcel represents the completion of the Quaker Hill development project..... The Wilmington Planning Commission voted to annex and permit a change in the zoning code along the Brandywine River north of the city for two residential developments. The first involves the development of the 25-acre Container Corp. Building into 200 middle-income units and additional apartments and townhouses in the future. The second project involves partial development of the 33-acre Bancroft Mill site into a 180-unit retirement apartment complex..... Work has started on a $6 million redevelopment project, Adams Four Shopping Plaza near Third and Monroe St. in Wilmington. The project will feature a supermarket, drug store a restaurant and several shops.

Belvue's River Road Elementary School, closed since 1975 will be developed into a townhouse and condominium complex. Developer Frank A. Robino, Jr. plans to sell condominiums inside the existing school for about $50,000 and 45 adjacent townhouses in the range of $100,000..... The New Castle County Department of Planning recommended that all major zoning requests along Concord Pike (U.S. 202) be delayed for a year and possibly longer..... Wilmington businesses that hire hard-core unemployed can obtain a reduction in city taxes under an ordinance passed by the City Council..... Historic Landmarks for Living, a Philadelphia real estate company, plans to convert the Mullins Building into 42 apartments.

The Schmidt Baking Company plans to close its Wilmington plant and replace it with a new plant in Baltimore. The Bakery currently employs 60 workers and has not as yet disclosed the exact time of its closure..... Canada Dry Distributing Co. is constructing its headquarters in the Airport Industrial Park off U.S. 13 and Hares Corner near New Castle..... DuPont Co. has created a New Business Ventures Division in its Agricultural Chemicals Department which license and acquire new agricultural products and businesses..... Phoenix Steel cut its second quarter loss to $739,000 compared to $6.96 million a year ago..... Jamesway Corp. will open a store in New Castle Square Mall which will be the chain's third store in New Castle County..... American Trading Real Estate Properties Inc. of Baltimore bought 23 acres in Stanton next to Continental Life Insurance Co. as the proposed site for a hotel, restaurant and office park.

KENT COUNTY - Construction began on a new Taco Bell on U.S. 13 in Dover. The company expects to hire approximately 16 employees plus managers..... Three new stores are opening at the Dover Mall. Lane Bryants, Artquest and Maxam One Hour Photos will bring the total number of stores in the mall to over 70..... RAX is opening in Dover and will employ 50 persons. The restaurant will feature a drive-through window and a glass enclosed, greenhouse like dining room..... Construction has begun on the first part of a 44-unit development on White Oak Road in Dover. Prices of the units range from $39,900 to $43,500 and the first 15 townhouses should be completed by the fall..... Six townhouse condominium units are under construction by Del-Homes Inc. on Garden Lane in Dover. A total of 53 units are planned with prices starting at $75,000.

Ground was broken for the second apartment building to be constructed at General's Greene in Dover. The 42-unit building is expected to be completed in early October..... Northern Lites Ltd. has announced plans to locate a D'Lites of America restaurant in the Dover area..... The Milford Board of Adjustment voted to allow a country inn to open at 112 N.W. Front St..... The Caesar Rodney School District will receive $700,000 of the $5 million Delaware equalization budget which is designed to help districts with low property tax bases. Some of the money will go to provide salary increases for school employees.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Two industrial revenue bonds approved by the Sussex County Council are expected to create 54 jobs. Preliminary approval was given to R.B. Judge for $320,000 to renovate a vacant building for office space on Highway 1. Georgetown Aircraft Services Inc. was also granted preliminary approval for $350,000 to expand its aircraft remodeling at the Industrial Air Park near Georgetown..... An 18-store shopping center and three new motels opened in Rehoboth Beach..... Sussex County Council accepted a $1.52 million bid from Teal Construction Co. of Dover for construction of a wastewater treatment system to serve the Cape Henlopen Sewer District. The work funded by federal grants will begin in the late summer.

The developers of the Ocean Plaza Mall in Ocean City, MD have applied for Sussex County industrial revenue bonds to construct a mall south of Delaware 24 near Rehoboth Beach. Acording to the application the mall would consist of a supermarket, drugstore, discount department store and 65,000 square feet of space for smaller shops..... The Second National Building and Loan Association of Salisbury, Maryland has opened an office in Rehoboth Beach. Another application for permission to open in Delaware has been filed by Merritt Commercial Savings and Loan Association..... Watt Watchers, a manufacturing firm which produces devices to monitor peak load electrical usage plans to locate at the Sussex County Industrial Airpark. The firm will employ 7 to 10 people.

SURROUNDING AREA - Phoenix Steel Corp. reported reduced losses for the first quarter of 1984 due to higher sales, however profit showings are unlikely

before October. Employees at its Phoenixville, PA plant returned to work in April after being on strike..... The Elkton Town Commission approved a $1.9 million 1984 - 85 fiscal year budget which included a 3.4 to 5.0 percent merit pay increase for its 55 town employees..... Cecil County employees received a $500 a year salary increase.

AUTO INDUSTRY - April production of cars and trucks registered a 27.7% increase over the same month in 1983..... General Motors is developing a new small car which it hopes will be competitive with Japanese models. "Project Saturn" involves modifications in the production system to reduce costs..... General Motors Boxwood plant in Wilmington closed in May for modifications to convert from producing the Chevette to other models. Approximately 450 maintenance and 482 salaried workers remained as 3,000 assembly workers were laid off. The plant is scheduled to reopen in August..... The Reagan Administration expects to ask Japan for another year of import quotas if UAW holds down wage increase requests and companies restrain executive salary bonuses.

U.S. car sales for May increased by 22.6% from one year ago. Analysts attributed the sales increase to continued consumer confidence despite recent increases in interest rates. General Motors sales were up 25.4% over the year while Chrysler sales gained 8.1%..... U.S. car sales continued at high levels in June with a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 8.3 million units close to the 8.6 million annual rate in May..... Chrysler Credit Corp. earned $803 million in the second quarter..... General Motors Corp. reported a $1.6 billion profit over last year. The four major automakers' mid-year 1984 profits of $6.6 billion have already surpassed the full year 1983 record of $6.15 billion.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the second quarter of 1984 were $71,642, with a benefit amount of $8,039,287 paid out. The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during the same period was $115, as compared to $100 average paid in the first quarter of 1984.

During the second quarter, 6,255 claimants received a first payment. This shows a continuous decline from the two previous quarters.

Extended benefit payments for the quarter amounted to $486,567 for 4,547 weeks of compensation, all of which represents the Federal Supplemental Compensation (ESC) Program.

Continued claim counts for the second quarter of 1984 registered 70,500, showing a decrease of 18,200 from the first quarter. There were 20,700 auto industry claims for the quarter.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings for selected occupations at the end of June were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Cook, 126 openings; construction worker II, 73; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 69; material handler, 64; waiter/waitress, 59, maintenance repairer, building, 41; tractor-trailer truck driver, 41; nurses aide, 36; clerk-typist, 35; automobile mechanic, 28; carpenter, 26; clerk, general, 25; kitchen helper, 25; and bartender, 22 openings.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Cook, 108 openings; construction worker II, 57; material handler, 56; waiter/waitress, 53; tractor-trailer truck driver, 40; cleaner, commercial or institutional, 38; nurses aide, 35; carpenter, 24; kitchen helper, 23; bartender, 22; counter attendant, lunchroom or coffee shop, 21; automobile mechanic, 20; clerk-typist, 19; sewing-machine operator, 18 openings.

For current information on specific jobs, contact the nearest Job Service Office of the Delaware Department of Labor.

CHARACTERISTICS OF JOB SEEKERS in June were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Of approximately 13,143 active applicants, 50 percent were male, 56 percent were white, 40 percent were black, 17 percent were under 22, while 60 percent were 22 to 39, and 23 percent were 40 and over. By educational level 37 percent had not finished high school, 48 percent had graduated from high school, and 15 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 25 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 36 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

WILMINGTON SMSA - Of about 7,391 active applicants, 51 percent were male, 55 percent were white, 40 percent were black, 13 percent were under 22, 63 percent were 22 to 39, and 24 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 35 percent had not finished high school, 48 percent had graduated from high school, and 17 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 31 percent of the applicants were on welfare and 36 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

The Philadelphia Area consumer price index for all items rose 1.1 in the second quarter with an 0.4 percent increase in June. Higher housing prices were partially offset by lower apparel prices in June as the over-the-year advance was a moderate 4.9 percent. June was the fourth consecutive month with increases of 0.5 percent or less. Nationally, the June index represented a monthly rise of 0.3 percent and a 4.2 percent yearly increase.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLE

NEW OSHA PUBLICATIONS

The following new publications may be obtained through the Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Industrial Affairs, OSHA Statistics Section, 820 N. French Street, Sixth Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801 (Telephone No. (302) 571-2888);

1. Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Revised as of June, 1983)

2. Evaluating Your Firm's Injury & Illness Record, 1982 (Wholesale & Retail Trade Industries) (Report 707)

3. Evaluating Your Firm's Injury and Illness Record, 1982 (Manufacturing Industries) (Report 706)

4. Evaluating Your Firm's Injury and Illness Record, 1982 (Construction Industries) (Report 705)

5. Evaluating Your Firm's Injury and Illness Record, 1982 (Services Industries) (Report 709)

Please contact the above address for copies at no cost.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1984			1983			1984			1983		
	APR	MAY	JUN 1/	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN 1/	APR	MAY	JUN
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	272.0	274.2	273.7	262.8	265.4	270.0	239.6	241.1	237.2	233.3	234.9	235.9
Manufacturing	67.2	67.6	65.6	66.8	67.1	68.3	59.1	59.2	56.6	59.6	59.8	60.1
Durable Goods	19.5	19.5	16.8	18.4	18.7	18.9	19.0	19.1	16.4	18.1	18.5	18.6
Primary Metals	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	10.6	10.6	7.7	9.9	10.1	10.3	10.8	10.9	8.0	10.1	10.3	10.4
Other Durable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.2	5.3	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.8
Nondurable Goods	47.7	48.1	48.8	48.4	48.4	49.4	40.2	40.1	42.2	41.5	41.3	41.4
Food & Kindred Products	8.1	8.5	9.3	7.9	7.8	8.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.2
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Apparel	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Printing & Publishing	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	29.4	29.2	29.1	30.3	30.3	30.5	31.2	31.0	30.9	32.3	32.2	32.1
Rubber & Plastics	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9
Nonmanufacturing	204.7	206.6	208.1	196.0	198.3	201.7	180.4	181.9	180.6	173.7	175.2	175.2
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Construction	17.7	18.1	17.8	16.1	16.3	16.8	19.5	19.6	19.5	18.9	19.3	19.7
Trans. & Public Utilities	11.7	11.8	11.6	12.1	12.0	12.5	11.4	11.5	11.3	11.7	11.6	12.0
Trade	58.8	60.0	61.8	56.6	57.9	60.1	48.2	48.8	49.2	47.5	47.9	48.4
Wholesale	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.3	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.9	9.9	10.0
Retail	47.7	48.9	50.6	45.5	46.8	48.8	38.5	39.2	39.5	37.6	38.0	38.4
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	16.2	16.2	16.5	15.3	15.4	15.7	14.9	14.9	15.2	14.2	14.2	14.4
Services	55.8	56.4	57.0	51.9	52.7	53.8	50.2	50.8	51.0	46.1	47.1	47.8
Government	44.5	44.1	43.3	44.0	43.9	42.7	36.0	36.0	34.2	35.1	35.0	33.4
Federal	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3
State & Local	39.0	38.6	37.7	38.6	38.4	37.2	31.6	31.6	29.8	30.8	30.6	29.0
State	21.1	20.9	19.6	20.8	20.7	19.2	13.6	13.7	12.0	13.4	13.4	11.7
Local	17.8	17.7	18.1	17.7	17.7	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.4	17.3	17.3
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

1984

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
MANUFACTURING	$ 395.25	$ 385.14	$ 375.90	42.5	42.0	42.0	$ 9.30	$ 9.17	$ 8.95
DURABLE GOODS	440.67	428.91	378.69	44.2	43.5	39.0	9.97	9.86	9.71
Primary Metals	386.69	385.58	380.94	42.4	42.7	42.0	9.12	9.03	9.07
Fabricated Metals	321.58	312.05	310.08	39.8	39.6	39.5	8.08	7.88	7.85
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	515.27	494.86	425.50	46.8	45.4	37.0	11.01	10.90	11.50
NONDURABLE GOODS	360.91	351.70	374.49	41.2	40.8	43.8	8.76	8.62	8.55
Food & Kindred Products	258.71	254.61	305.44	41.0	41.0	47.8	6.31	6.21	6.39
Textile Mill Products	333.54	329.28	320.62	48.2	48.0	46.4	6.92	6.86	6.91
Apparel	190.32	186.52	199.02	39.0	38.3	38.2	4.88	4.87	5.21
Printing & Publishing	313.77	315.20	317.36	35.9	35.1	35.9	8.74	8.98	8.84
Chemicals & Allied Products	496.65	488.52	490.31	41.7	41.4	41.8	11.91	11.80	11.73
Rubber & Plastic Products	425.92	412.53	405.14	45.7	43.7	43.1	9.32	9.44	9.40
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$ 377.73	$ 372.00	$ 378.84	41.6	40.7	41.0	$ 9.08	$ 9.14	$ 9.24
DURABLE GOODS	431.20	406.13	417.77	43.6	41.4	40.6	9.89	9.81	10.29
Primary Metals	425.15	410.18	417.67	44.8	44.2	46.1	9.49	9.28	9.06
Fabricated Metals	292.50	294.84	313.82	36.7	37.8	38.6	7.97	7.80	8.13
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	492.77	452.19	473.45	45.5	41.6	40.5	10.83	10.87	11.69
NONDURABLE GOODS	338.44	345.66	350.64	40.1	40.1	41.3	8.44	8.62	8.49
Food & Kindred Products	235.22	237.00	240.35	39.8	39.5	40.6	5.91	6.00	5.92
Textile Mill Products	289.20	275.84	333.98	45.4	43.1	49.7	6.37	6.40	6.72
Apparel	177.55	173.26	179.48	37.3	36.4	35.4	4.76	4.76	5.07
Printing & Publishing	303.97	303.19	315.94	34.7	33.8	35.3	8.76	8.97	8.95
Chemicals & Allied Products	476.21	486.75	483.78	41.7	42.4	42.4	11.42	11.48	11.41
Rubber & Plastic Products	381.06	394.17	393.86	41.6	41.8	41.9	9.16	9.43	9.40

Covers an average 33,200 production workers

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1984

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
MANUFACTURING	$ 476.33	$ 454.53	$ 434.16	43.5	42.4	40.5	$ 10.95	$ 10.72	$ 10.72
DURABLE GOODS	461.61	448.21	404.17	44.3	43.6	38.9	10.42	10.28	10.39
Primary Metals	397.11	387.34	382.69	43.4	42.8	42.1	9.15	9.05	9.09
Fabricated Metals	312.48	288.04	304.07	38.2	38.0	39.8	8.18	7.58	7.64
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	512.12	507.10	425.63	47.2	46.1	37.8	10.85	11.00	11.26
NONDURABLE GOODS	492.58	462.26	467.73	42.5	40.8	42.1	11.59	11.33	11.11
Food & Kindred Products	219.46	223.30	232.13	38.3	38.5	40.3	5.73	5.80	5.76
Textile Mill Products	339.70	334.50	325.83	50.4	50.0	48.2	6.74	6.69	6.76
Apparel	236.43	225.90	251.54	35.5	34.7	37.1	6.66	6.51	6.78
Printing & Publishing	358.56	363.17	362.48	36.7	36.1	36.8	9.77	10.06	9.85
Chemicals & Allied Products	593.10	561.41	585.03	42.7	40.8	43.4	13.89	13.76	13.84
Rubber & Plastic Products	389.53	369.70	361.15	45.4	42.3	41.8	8.58	8.74	8.64
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$ 438.27	$ 429.39	$ 441.16	41.7	40.7	41.0	$ 10.51	$ 10.55	$ 10.76
DURABLE GOODS	436.88	418.55	430.20	43.0	41.4	40.7	10.16	10.11	10.57
Primary Metals	424.70	409.73	414.95	44.8	44.2	45.8	9.48	9.27	9.06
Fabricated Metals	295.20	295.42	304.45	36.0	37.3	38.2	8.20	7.92	7.97
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	477.46	440.96	462.92	45.3	41.6	40.5	10.54	10.60	11.43
NONDURABLE GOODS	438.69	441.29	453.06	40.1	39.9	41.3	10.94	11.06	10.97
Food & Kindred Products	224.22	214.62	218.37	37.0	35.3	36.7	6.06	6.08	5.95
Textile Mill Products	298.75	285.19	346.24	46.9	44.7	51.6	6.37	6.38	6.71
Apparel	182.63	187.34	204.61	34.2	34.0	35.4	5.34	5.51	5.78
Printing & Publishing	345.47	363.73	367.36	35.8	35.8	36.3	9.65	10.16	10.12
Chemicals & Allied Products	552.42	516.08	534.62	41.2	40.7	41.8	12.68	12.68	12.79
Rubber & Plastic Products	344.81	360.11	348.39	38.1	39.1	39.5	9.05	9.21	8.82

Covers an average 25,800 production workers

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	April	May	June	April	May	June	April	May	June
STATE TOTALS 1/	19,817	22,573	29,252	1,889,167	2,457,874	3,692,246	100	115	132
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	10,295	13,945	22,325	1,056,037	1,712,184	3,056,182	107	128	142
Wilmington L.O.	6,418	10,586	18,854	660,047	1,372,574	2,706,254	107	134	148
Newark L.O.	3,877	3,359	3,471	395,990	339,610	349,928	107	108	107
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	3,824	3,677	3,180	316,253	289,732	249,803	86	83	83
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	2,788	2,277	1,545	205,854	178,697	136,284	78	83	94

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	April	May	June	April	May	June	April	May	June
STATE TOTALS 1/	1,196	3,931	1,128	1,494	1,631	1,422	158,065	171,943	156,559
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	612	3,435	785	858	961	776	94,364	103,505	88,952
Wilmington L.O.	376	3,222	515	501	597	527	55,268	63,837	59,490
Newark L.O.	236	213	270	357	364	249	39,096	39,668	29,462
KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O.	252	151	148	320	269	271	26,766	22,869	23,436
SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O.	174	235	60	125	133	107	12,451	12,369	10,969

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

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	1984			1983		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	April	May	June	April	May	June
TOTAL COUNT	4,500	4,000	6,900	7,500	6,400	5,800
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	3,100	300	300	0
Total Less Auto Industry	4,500	4,000	3,800	7,200	6,100	5,800
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	April	May	June	April	May	June
TOTAL COUNT	20,500	21,600	28,400	33,500	30,000	26,500
Number of Auto Industry	0	4,900	15,800	3,400	3,400	0
Total Less Auto Industry	20,500	16,700	12,600	30,100	26,700	26,500

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1984			1984		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
All Items	298.2	298.7	300.0	283.5	284.3	286.1
Food & Beverages	297.9	297.7	298.4	290.3	291.1	293.3
Housing	307.3	309.4	311.9	290.4	291.9	293.9
Apparel & Upkeep	181.7	179.0	176.5	181.5	177.4	179.8
Transportation	318.0	318.8	319.8	299.0	301.4	301.9
Medical	395.1	394.9	396.2	367.5	368.7	372.0
Entertainment	240.5	239.9	241.0	233.8	230.1	234.0
Other Goods & Services	317.2	316.0	317.4	386.3	287.1	287.7
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6
Yearly	5.2	5.1	4.9	3.1	3.3	2.3
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	308.8	309.7	310.7	295.5	297.1	298.1
Mo. Change (%)	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3
Yr. Change (%)	4.5	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.5	2.6

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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